



## Three Parts of Morality

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Most people would say that they want to live a life that is morally upright, but what does this really mean?

The most common view of morality is that a behavior cannot be wrong if it does not hurt another human being. It is easy to see why this thinking dominates, because moral failure in this area is so obvious and affects human beings every day.

However, C.S. Lewis said there are three parts to morality and used the metaphor of ships sailing in a convoy to illustrate them. He said the voyage will be a success only if:

- The ships don't get in each other's way.
- The individual ships are seaworthy.
- The fleet of ships has a destination and all of the ships get there.

Lewis used this metaphor to explain that morality exists only when there is:

- Fair play and harmony between us and those around us.
- Harmony inside ourselves.
- Harmony with the purpose of human life as a whole.

I would like to apply these three parts of morality to the financial side of life by encouraging you to ask yourself the following questions:

- How does your use of money affect the lives of the people around you? Is your use of money consistent with the things you say you value most in life?
- What does your use of money tell you about who you have become? When you think about money and investments, what emotions do you experience? Fear? Anxiety? Stress? Why? Does your money life show that you are a person who is grateful, generous, and content?
- What is your destination? How would your use of money change if you fully embraced the reality that you will not take it with you? As many have observed, "I've never seen a hearse pulling a U-Haul."

I believe every person was created by God and will live forever. How would your use of money change if you believed this world is not your ultimate home? What if you were just passing through?