

Ethical Characteristics in the Workplace

A company's ethics is its set of moral standards that determine how it conducts business. Ethics is similar to "doing the right thing" in areas such as making financial decisions and the treatment of employees and customers.

Highly ethical organisations show a number of key characteristics, starting with the head of the organisation and filtering down to the lowest-paid workers.

Ethical people think before acting, are loyal to the company, treat others well and consistently model high standards of professionalism such as:

- **Thinks Before Acting**
- **Feels a Sense of Duty**
- **Aren't Afraid to Speak Up**
- **Treats People Well**

Everyone slips now and then, just as everyone can say all the right things during an interview or when the boss is around. But what matters is how people behave when they think no one is watching. Ethical people model ethical behavior consistently.

"Ethical people are ethical, no matter where they are".



If you don't have integrity, you have nothing. You can't buy it. You can have all the money in the world, but if you are not a moral and ethical person, you really have nothing.

- Henry Kravis