

Practical Ethics for Businesses and Individuals

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Skill level

Beginner

Lessons

18

Pre-requisites

No prior experience needed

Video duration

53m

Estimated study time

53m 39s

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Introduction

1 Ethics and today's workplace

In today's world, it can feel tough to strike a balance between staying true to your morality and working with others who have different sets of values.

Encountering Moral Dilemmas

2 A difficult choice

A moral dilemma is a situation in which it seems like all of your options involve doing the wrong thing.

3 Supporting choices with reasons

You've encountered a moral dilemma and rendered a judgment, but what if someone asks you to defend that judgment?

4 Evaluating moral principles

So you've come up with a moral principle; how do you know that it's a good one?

5 Revising moral principles

What do you do if one of your moral principles appears to give you faulty guidance?

6 Contemporary moral dilemmas

You might be wondering whether this approach to moral dilemmas is applicable to your everyday life.

Enhancing Your Ethical Toolkit

7 Just the facts, please

You may have learned in elementary school that facts are things you can prove, whereas opinions are things you merely believe.

8 Categorizing actions

You've likely been used to talking about actions and morality by distinguishing between right and wrong.

9 Morality vs. the law

It's tempting to think of morality and legality as roughly the same thing, but thinking in that way can be dangerous.

10 Consequences vs. duties

While there are many key conflicts that can arise in moral reasoning, one of the most common is the conflict between consequences and duties.

11 A deeper understanding

As you may have already recognized, famous philosophers have been arguing about the conflict between consequences and duties for a long time.

Making Ethical Decisions

12 A system of obligations

By focusing on a small number of important ethical concepts, you can improve your ability to make ethical decisions tremendously.

13 Identifying obligations

Difficult ethical decisions involve a host of different obligations.

14 Exposing conflicts

It's not just that ethical dilemmas involve lots of obligations; the problem is that those obligations often compete with each other.

15 Weighing obligations

Unfortunately, recognizing conflicts isn't enough—you'll need to weigh the different obligations to reach a decision.

16 Determining viable options

When you're armed with an awareness of your moral obligations, you can get very clear on the possible outcomes you'd be willing to move forward with.

17 Making your decision

You've narrowed down your options, and now it's time to choose.

Conclusion

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Putting it into practice

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