

## Definition of Core Values

- **Core values** are enduring principles that guide your decisions, behaviors, and relationships.
- They are not temporary preferences but **foundational truths** that shape your character and life direction.
- Biblically, values align with God's Word: *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"* (Matthew 6:21). Values reveal what you treasure most.

## Examples of Core Values (with Biblical Principles)

- **Integrity** – Living honestly and uprightly. *"The integrity of the upright guides them"* (Proverbs 11:3).
- **Compassion** – Showing mercy and kindness. *"Be kind and compassionate to one another"* (Ephesians 4:32).
- **Faithfulness** – Remaining loyal to God and others. *"Great is Your faithfulness"* (Lamentations 3:23).
- **Stewardship** – Managing resources wisely. *"Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful"* (1 Corinthians 4:2).
- **Justice** – Seeking fairness and righteousness. *"Learn to do right; seek justice"* (Isaiah 1:17).
- **Love** – The highest biblical value. *"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love"* (1 Corinthians 13:13).

## Difference Between Values, Beliefs, and Goals

Concept	Definition	Biblical Anchor	Example
<b>Values</b>	Enduring principles guiding life	<i>"Love the Lord your God... and love your neighbor"</i> (Matthew 22:37–39)	Integrity, compassion, stewardship
<b>Beliefs</b>	Convictions about truth and reality	<i>"Faith is being sure of what we hope for"</i> (Hebrews 11:1)	"God is sovereign," "Prayer changes things"
<b>Goals</b>	Specific, measurable outcomes	<i>"I press on toward the goal to win the prize"</i> (Philippians 3:14)	"Save for a home," "Complete a ministry project"

- **Values** = Compass (direction).
- **Beliefs** = Foundation (truths you hold).
- **Goals** = Milestones (achievements along the way).

## **Why Values Drive Fulfillment and Clarity**

- **Alignment with God's design:** Living by biblical values ensures your life reflects Christ's character.
- **Clarity in decisions:** Values act as a filter—when faced with choices, you ask, “Does this honor God and my values?”
- **Sustained fulfillment:** Goals can be achieved and forgotten, but values endure, giving lifelong meaning.
- **Authenticity:** Values keep you consistent, so your actions match your faith.
- **Resilience:** Values rooted in Scripture provide strength in trials. *“The righteous will never be shaken”* (Psalm 112:6).

✓ In summary: **Core values are the biblical compass of your life. Beliefs shape your worldview, goals mark your milestones, but values define your path.** Living by values like love, integrity, and stewardship brings clarity and fulfillment because they align your heart with God's will.