

Powerful Principles for Growth in the Body of Christ

## IDEALS

### VALUES AND MODELS OF EXCELLENCE

**I**deals are the high standards and examples that are worthy of imitation and replication in a life of excellence. Ideals are principles and patterns that guide quality living, the worthy models that help us orient our lives. Ideals can take many forms, such as beautiful scenery that inspires us, goals that guide us, examples that motivate us. Our highest ideal, of course, is our Lord Himself.

OTHER WORDS FOR THIS SEED:

- examples
- standards
- principles
- values

Ideals helps fill the human need to:  
*Focus on higher things*

Look up the verses below and note what they say about this seed:

Psalm 8:1

Psalm 19

Philippians 3:17

Philippians 4:8-9

Colossians 3:12-17

- 1 Where do ideals originate?
- 2 Why are ideals so important in my relationship to God?
- 3 A good example of an ideal is ...
- 4 How are ideals related to love?
- 5 How do ideals build the Body of Christ?
- 6 How well do I focus on ideals? Explain.
- 7 What will I do to better focus on ideals in my life?

### WAYS TO LOVE

**PRINCIPLES**

12Seeds™

- RESPECT
- ENCOURAGEMENT
- LISTENING
- APPRECIATION
- TRUST
- INTEGRITY
- ORDER
- NURTURE
- SYNERGY
- HOPE
- IDEALS
- PARDON

**FOR GROWTH**

Whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable . . . think about such things.

- Philippians 4:8

Write below what the verse above means to you.




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Dear Lord, thank You for showing me Your excellence. Please guide me with Your high **ideals** in all my relationships.

