



Ethics & Parenting Symposium

with Dr. Rushworth M. Kidder

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Washington University in St. Louis

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Ask parents what it's like raising smart children who are good kids, and they'll tell you it's not easy. The moral choices seem tougher than when they were young. And they're uncomfortable discussing ethics. "How do I do it," they ask, "without sounding preachy, or old-fashioned, or just naïve?" This one-day symposium focuses the Institute's widely used and well-tested conceptual frameworks on the parent-child relationship. Based on Rushworth Kidder's upcoming book (tentatively titled *Good Kids, Tough Choices: Seven Lenses for Ethical Parenting*), it explores seven pathways for addressing tough ethical issues with children.

WHAT YOU WILL TAKE AWAY

- New ways to understand and internalize a set of useful ethical ideas
- Practical skills to equip young minds with the tools to face up-to-date ethical issues
- Experience in framing ethical issues in ways that make them meaningful to youth

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Parents/ Parental Figures
- Grandparents
- Concerned Citizens
- Educators
- Community Leaders
- Youth Advocates

ONE DAY ONLY!

September 23, 2008: 9-4 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$1000

Register by September 1st and pay only \$600!

This event will be capped at **20 participants** to ensure an intimate dialogue with Dr. Kidder.

For further information about this course or to register, contact the Institute for Global Ethics by phoning 800-729-2615 or by emailing ethics@globalethics.org

All proceeds of this event support IGE programs.

Dr. Rushworth M. Kidder



This symposium is facilitated by IGE's President & Founder, Rushworth Kidder, who brings more than 30 years of insights to his discussions of the place of ethics in modern culture. A sought-after public speaker and

master teacher, he works extensively with corporations, schools, government entities, and professional organizations here and overseas.

His writings include the widely used *How Good People Make Tough Choices*, as well as his latest book *Moral Courage* and the earlier *Shared Values for a Troubled World*. He also serves as executive editor of *Ethics Newsline*®, the world's first weekly, internet-based ethics information service, for which he writes a weekly column. He appears monthly in *O, The Oprah Magazine* on a panel addressing ethics in daily life for the "Now What Do I Do?" advice column. Prior to founding the Institute in 1990, he was an editor and a senior columnist for *The Christian Science Monitor*. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have two grown daughters and live in Lincolnville, Maine.



“Through the centuries, parents have been expected to pass on the moral values of a culture to its younger members. That task was never meant to be lonely, threatening, or futile. Parents were never meant to be voices crying alone in the wilderness, but part of a great momentum carrying young people into adulthood with their moral compasses intact and well calibrated.”

--Rushworth M. Kidder

Seven Pathways

Seven pathways for addressing tough ethical issues with children:

1. Shared values: Knowing what's right
2. Moral temptations: Avoiding what's wrong
3. Right versus right: Facing tough choices
4. Decision Principles: Choosing the higher right
5. Trilemma Options: Finding the middle ground
6. Moral courage: Standing for conscience
7. Cultures of Integrity: Creating ethical climates

“Using these lenses, parents learn to **deepen their understanding** of ethical issues, **build confidence** in their ability to communicate, and **engage in significant ethical dialogue** with their children.”

--Rushworth M. Kidder

Good Kids, Tough Choices: Seven Lenses for Ethical Parenting

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Participants share individual experiences about facing ethical issues with children, which the group then analyzes through the seven lenses.

Course Outline

Morning: Frameworks

- Why ethical parenting matters—current challenges, new research
- How to think about ethics—seven lenses
- What makes parenting work—discourse, modeling, mentoring

Afternoon: Applications

- Stories from our interviews
- Examples from participants
- Take-aways for the future

Note: The fee includes pre-reading materials, a continental breakfast, lunch, and a one-year individual membership to IGE.

Pre-work assignments and materials will be forwarded to participants closer to the event date.

The Institute for Global Ethics is a nonprofit, nonsectarian, nonpartisan membership organization founded in 1990 and dedicated to promoting ethical behavior through public discourse and practical action. We see our task as responding to the growing need for sharpening decision-making skills, identifying standards of ethics, and bringing values to light. We don't dictate what those values should be. Instead, we try to discover what they actually are—and to promote their discussion and application in ways that are non-threatening, inclusive, and conflict-resolving.