


"It's Showtime"
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BY DEFINITION . . .

There are chapters in every life which are seldom read and certainly not aloud. — Carol Shields

During the last few months, I have had the good fortune to write some articles for *Lancaster Farming*. Some of these articles had substance, some were opinion, and others were intended as "food for thought" for your reading enjoyment.

If you are like me, probably the last thing you want to do is read an article where the author consistently uses words that are beyond your normal vocabulary.

Sometimes we can derive the meaning of these words simply by the context in which they are used; sometimes we think we know the meaning of certain words, but are unsure; and still other times I find myself puzzled as to the message that the author is trying to convey.

Regardless of the particular situation, I am as reluctant as the next person to find a dictionary and determine the meaning of a word, but I eventually find the word anyway.

In the coming weeks and months, I may use some of the following words in articles, so I want to make sure that I understand them before I use them. My hope is that all of us may understand them better. So, by definition . . .

• **Ethics** n. 1:a discipline dealing with good and evil 2:ad with

moral duty 2:moral principles or practice.

• **Good** adj. 1:of a favorable character or tendency 2:suitable, fit 3:sound, whole 4:well founded 5:true 6:conforming to a standard.

• **Evil** adj. 1:wicked 2:causing or threatening distress or harm

• **Ethical** adj. 1:of or relating to ethics 2:conforming to accepted and especially professional standards of conduct.

• **Moral** adj. 1:of or relating to principles of right and wrong 2:conforming to a standard of right behavior.

• **Right** n. qualities that constitute what is correct, just, proper, or honorable.

• **Wrong** n. 1:an injurious, unfair, or unjust act 2:a violation of the legal rights of another person 3:something that is contrary to justice, goodness, equity, or law.

• **Principle** n. 1:a general or fundamental law, doctrine or assumption 2:a rule or code of conduct.

• **Integrity** n. 1:soundness 2:adherence to a code of values 3:utter sincerity, honesty, and candor 4:completeness.

• **Value** n. something (as a principle or ideal) intrinsically valuable or desirable (human rather than material s)

• **Ideal** n. 1:a standard of excellence 2:one regarded as a model worthy of imitation.

• **Rule** n. 1:a guide or principle for government action 2:the usual way of doing something.

• **Regulation** n. a rule dealing with details of procedure.

• **Guideline** n. an indication or outline of policy or conduct.

• **Code** n. 1:a systematic statement of a body of law 2:a system of principles or rules.

• **Enforce** v. 1:compel (obedience by threats) 2:to execute effectively (the law).

• **Enforcement** n. the act of compelling or executing effectively.

• **Compliance** n. 1:the act of complying (acquiesce, yield) to a demand or proposal 2:a disposition to yield.

• **Violation** n. an act or instance of breaking or disregarding (of a law).

• **Infraction** n. the act of infringing, transgressing or violating.

• **Responsible** adj. 1:liable to be called upon to answer for one's acts or decisions 2:able to fulfill one's obligations 3:able to choose for oneself between right and wrong 4:involving accountability.

• **Responsibility** n. the quality or state of being responsible.

• **Steward** n. one actively concerned with the direction of the affairs of an organization.

• **Judge** n. one who gives an authoritative opinion.

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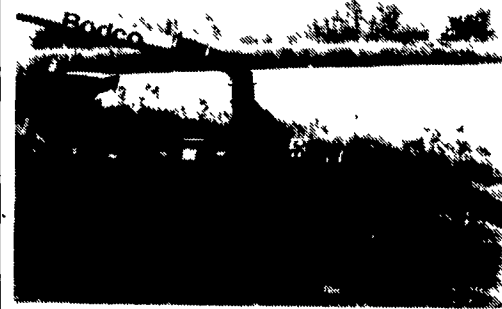


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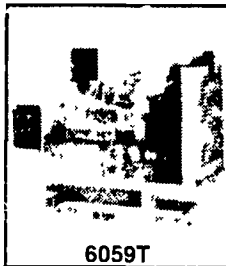
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