

STANDARDS

By “standards”, I am referring to morals, ethics, rules, and personal practices and beliefs. Ray Kroc describes the *quality of a leader* as measured by the standards that he or she has set...

The quality of a leader is reflected in the standards they set for themselves.

Ray Kroc, Founder McDonald's

Standards apply in many areas:

- ✎ Products are designed and manufactured to certain standards regarding fit, form and function
- ✎ Services are designed, executed and rendered to certain standards of performance and customer expectations
- ✎ Activities or tasks are carried out with certain procedures that include standard policies, practices, and procedures
- ✎ School systems have standards for testing, grading, and conduct
- ✎ Institutions and organizations have standards for any variety of measurements, calibrations, techniques of time, distance, weight, and the list goes on and on
- ✎ Individual, families, societies and cultures establish standards for living to include economic, political and social conditions and conduct

What are your personal standards in terms what you think about yourself, your behavior, your values and morals?

Do you place high value in yourself; or as a believer, do you love yourself realizing that God made you and has a purpose for your life. If you don't love yourself, you cannot love anyone or anything else...not really.

Set high standards and few limitations for yourself.

Anthony J. D'Angelo, *The College Blue Book*

If you love yourself, it should be because God made you and is ever changing you into the likeness of Jesus; in other words, you don't love yourself in some self-acclaimed-egotistical way, but because you are God's creation and he desires that we love ourselves. The scriptures tell husbands that they should love their wives *as their own bodies*; thus, if a husband does not love himself, how can he love his wife?

Standards are very important and are formed and maintained by the influences in our lives and by our own opinion of ourselves. Though we are not perfect, yet through his Lordship, we understand the basis for these standards and find freedom and truth.

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