

HOW CAN I APPLY THE FOUR-WAY TEST TO MY LIFE?

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My life is full of friends, family, faith, school, and sports. So, with all of that, there come decisions. Big, small, hard, or easy, decisions. To help me with all the decisions I can use a strategy called the Four-Way Test. The Four-Way Test is a way to help you make the right decision when you have a tough decision to make. The Four-Way Test is 1. Is it the truth? 2. Is it fair to all concerned? 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendship? 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Is it the truth?

Sometimes when I am making decisions it is hard to tell the truth. but it is important to tell the truth. For example, have you ever had to pick between two sports you love like dance or softball? In this situation, it is important to tell the truth because you might end up in the sport you don't like as much as the other one. Another example is if your friend asks you to come over to their house for a sleepover, but you have to go to your grandma's house for her birthday. You should tell your friend the truth so her feelings aren't hurt. So, it's always important to tell the truth.

Is it fair to all concerned?

When making a decision, it is important that whatever you decide is fair to everyone involved. To illustrate this, imagine that a teacher has four students in her class that have misbehaved. Whatever consequence the teacher makes. it should be fair not just to the four students who got in trouble but to the whole class.

Will build goodwill and better friendship?

This means that when you make a decision, whatever decision you make will build a better friendship or will make you come closer as friends. For instance, if my friends were all free this weekend and we wanted to do something fun, but everyone's siblings had someone at their house already, I could ask my friends if they wanted to come over to my house to hang out. This way my friends and I could have a good time and build a better friendship.

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

This step tells me that the decision has to benefit everyone who's in the situation. In other words, everyone in the situation gets something out of it. To help me better understand this, I thought of the teacher who had to give a consequence to the four students. The decision she has to make should benefit the four students by helping them learn from their mistakes.

Undoubtedly, I think the Four-Way Test can help me move forward in my life which is full of so many decisions. Whenever I use the Four-Way Test, I don't think that I will ever make the wrong decision again. I hope the Four-Way Test can help other people too.