

A GUIDE FOR MAKING MORAL DECISIONS

Those actions, decisions, and attitudes are:

LOVING, RIGHT, OR MORAL

SELFISH, WRONG, OR IMMORAL

which produce all or some
of the following results in you or those you affect:

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| 1) an increase in your ability to trust others | 1) a decrease in your ability to trust others; suspicion |
| 2) greater honesty in relationships | 2) being two-faced; feeling phony in your relationships with others |
| 3) the breaking down of barriers between people; a lessening of the sense of separation | 3) a feeling of isolation; the sense of being separated from others |
| 4) an increase in the attitude of cooperation | 4) a decrease in the attitude of cooperation; not getting along with others |
| 5) a greater sense of self-respect; you can look at yourself in the mirror and feel genuinely happy with yourself because of what you may have done | 5) a loss of self-respect; a feeling of guilt; you'd be embarrassed to have others know what happened |
| 6) a better attitude toward people in general; more confidence in the fact that people are really good | 6) a lack of acceptance of others; the feeling that people are just concerned about their own good |
| 7) a feeling of peace and joy in your life, a sense that you are doing what you are called to be doing and making the most of your life | 7) feeling that life is depressing; generally sad, turned off |

Two conditions are closely related to this guide and affect it in an important way:

FIRST: When we talk about the breaking down of barriers between people, this means a decrease in separation that extends beyond just the two-person relationship. For example, a boy and girl can get so much "together" that they have no room for anyone else.

SECOND: In everything we do or decide, we have to be concerned not just with right now but also with what the long-range effects are going to be on myself and others. We must ask: How will this affect me and others later on?