

# Five Test to Help Make Ethical Decisions

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There are no analytical tests or hard numeric data to resolve most ethical questions. The following ethics tests are aids in identifying and resolving ethical issues. If you are honest and truly search your feelings, these tests can help lead to good ethical decisions:

## **The Front Page Test:**

How would you feel if your actions were on the front page of the **New York Times** or the most watched video on **YouTube**?

## **The Mirror Test:**

How do you feel about the person you see in the mirror?

## **The Lesser of Two Evils Test:**

Are you picking the lesser of two evils? Remember the lesser of two evils is still evil. When given two bad choices, look for choice number three.

## **The Mom and Kids Test:**

How would you feel if you told your actions to your Mother and/or your children?

## **The Personal Test:**

If the other person were you, your significant other, your best friend, your child or your parent would your actions be the same?