

Four Way Essay By Luke Richey

The 4-Way Test is a great decision-making model. Whether you know it or not, I guarantee you have used at least one of the questions on the 4-Way Test at some point in your life. Not too long ago, I used the 4-Way Test when deciding if I wanted to be involved in the shenanigans going on at my lunch table. I asked myself if I am questioned about what happened, would I be comfortable telling the truth? Would it be fair to others if they were harmed by this? Would others see me as a good friend who is considerate of others? And would it be beneficial to everyone involved? By asking these four questions, each one of us can develop into a person with high values and moral character.

Students at my lunch table are notoriously known among teachers as the troublemakers. When my friends started to go into their usual lunch dare fest, I had to ask myself would I be willing to lie if we were caught. In asking myself this question, I knew if that situation arose that I would tell the truth. My forethought with this question helped me remain an honest person.

Unfortunately, my lunch table's mischief usually impacted someone else in a negative way, even if unintentional. I tried to consider how our lunch table warfare might hurt others. Was it fair if our mischievousness harmed others? Absolutely not! Making sure whether something is fair or not is an important part in making the right decision.

When most people at my lunch table were taking part in the dare fest, I asked myself some especially tough questions: Will daring others make better

friends and increase my kindness? And if I do make friends from this predicament, are they the kind of friends I want to have? Most of the people who chose to participate were not people I wanted to get tangled up with, and I did not want that type of association. Since that event, I hope others see me as a person who is considerate of others and very responsible.

Most importantly, I asked myself the final question, “Will this benefit everyone taking part in it?” No one would have benefited from daring a classmate to eat something gross or daring them to mock a teacher. I stayed out of trouble by realizing that daring others was not beneficial to anyone involved in the dare fest.

Without knowing it, the 4-Way Test has kept me out of trouble all my life, and this experience is just one of many examples. After using the 4-Way Test in my life, I have developed better values and stronger morals. The 4-Way Test is important for people to use, so they can have a better life and become a better person. When I have children, I’m going to instill the 4-Way Test into their hearts, so that they can have the peace of mind that I now have.