

The Four Way Test

The Four Way Test of the things we think say or do.

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The Four Way Test can be applied profitably in relations with others in the home, community, business, national and international life. Particularly, it can be applied to proposed plans, policies, statements and advertising in business and the professions; to proposed legislation in government; and to relations between teachers and students in the schools.

How it Works

Repeatedly, work statesmen have confessed that their efforts are foredoomed if people lack respect and understanding for one another. "This places a primary responsibility on the individual", said the late Sir Angus Mitchell, President of Rotary International, 1948-49, "to see that his attitude in the course of his daily affairs will build mutual respect and understanding". "If each of us were to use The Four Way Test", said Sir Angus, "we would begin to make progress toward the solution of world problems".

How the test works is indicated by the Chicago Rotarian who developed it. He suggests that first you memorize the Four-Way Test and then formulate the habit of checking your thoughts, word, and deeds with it.

The Four-Way Test is now being used successfully around the world in business, government, and schools as an effective measuring stick for conduct. It is a guide to RIGHT thinking. If memorized and constantly applied to relations with others, it will make a definite contribution towards more effective and friendlier relationships.

If you get into the habit of checking your thoughts, words, and deeds against The Four-Way Test, the experience of others has shown that it will help you become happier and more successful.

