

Chapter 7 – Group Discussion

Instructions: Discuss, as a group, the questions raised by each story. Reach complete agreement in your group on each question.

1. An extremely effective international negotiator who is about to be assassinated by a single gunman ducks behind an elderly female bystander, who is killed by the desperate gunman. Did the negotiator act morally?
2. The wealthy parents of a retarded child let him die by denying him treatment for a kidney disease. Did they act morally?
3. A man escaped from prison, and under a new identity worked as a clerk in a hardware store. After many years, he saved up enough to buy the store. He was fair to his customers, gave his employees top wages, and gave most of his profits to charity. One day you discover his identity: should you turn him in?
4. The owner of furniture store deliberately totals up bills incorrectly to overcharge his customers. Is this overcharging morally wrong?
5. A friend of yours who borrows small amounts of money from people while never paying it back asks you for 10 dollars. Although you have the money, would it be immoral to lie and say you do not?