

Chapter 5: Dealing with Ethical Dilemmas

Ethical Dilemmas in Review

Choose to resolve the dilemma you outlined in the previous chapter with both of the strategies that were outlined for resolving ethical dilemmas, namely:

- A. Nine Checkpoints to Ethical Decision Making
- B. Ethics Check Questions

Outline the steps and then your thinking about the dilemma at each step. Indicate how you would solve the dilemma by indicating your decision. Reflect on the decision.

A. Nine Checkpoints to Ethical Decision Making

- 1. Recognize there is a moral issue

- 2. Determine the actor(s).

- 3. Gather the relevant facts.

4. Test for right vs. wrong issues.

5. Test for right vs. right dilemmas.

6. Apply the resolution principles.

7. Investigate the 'trilemma' options.

8. Make the decision.

9. Revisit and reflect on the decision.

B. Ethics Check Questions

1. Is it legal? Will actions violate any laws, codes, or constitutional rights?

2. Is it balanced? Is my decision fair to everyone concerned?

3. How will I feel about myself? Will it withstand public scrutiny?
