

ETHICS AND ETHICAL ISSUES

Resources and notes for part 3

On The Threshold

Year 13 Religious Education



3.7 APPLYING ETHICAL PRINCIPLES

1. DEFINE THE ISSUE

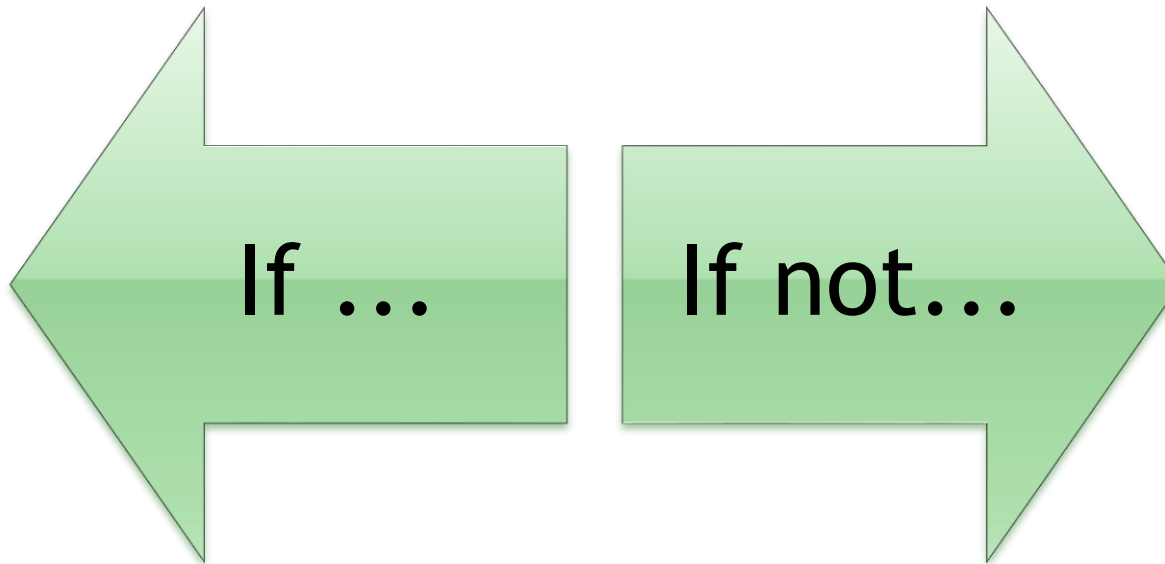
- ⦿ What exactly is happening?
- ⦿ Who is involved?
- ⦿ What is my role in the situation?

May require
reflection & study

2. SEEK ADVICE

- ⦿ For information & guidance
 - The values & teachings of the New Testament.
 - Teachings of the Church.
 - Respected people of faith & goodwill.

3. REFLECT ON THE CONSEQUENCES



Reflect honestly on the choices available in light of the results that are likely to occur

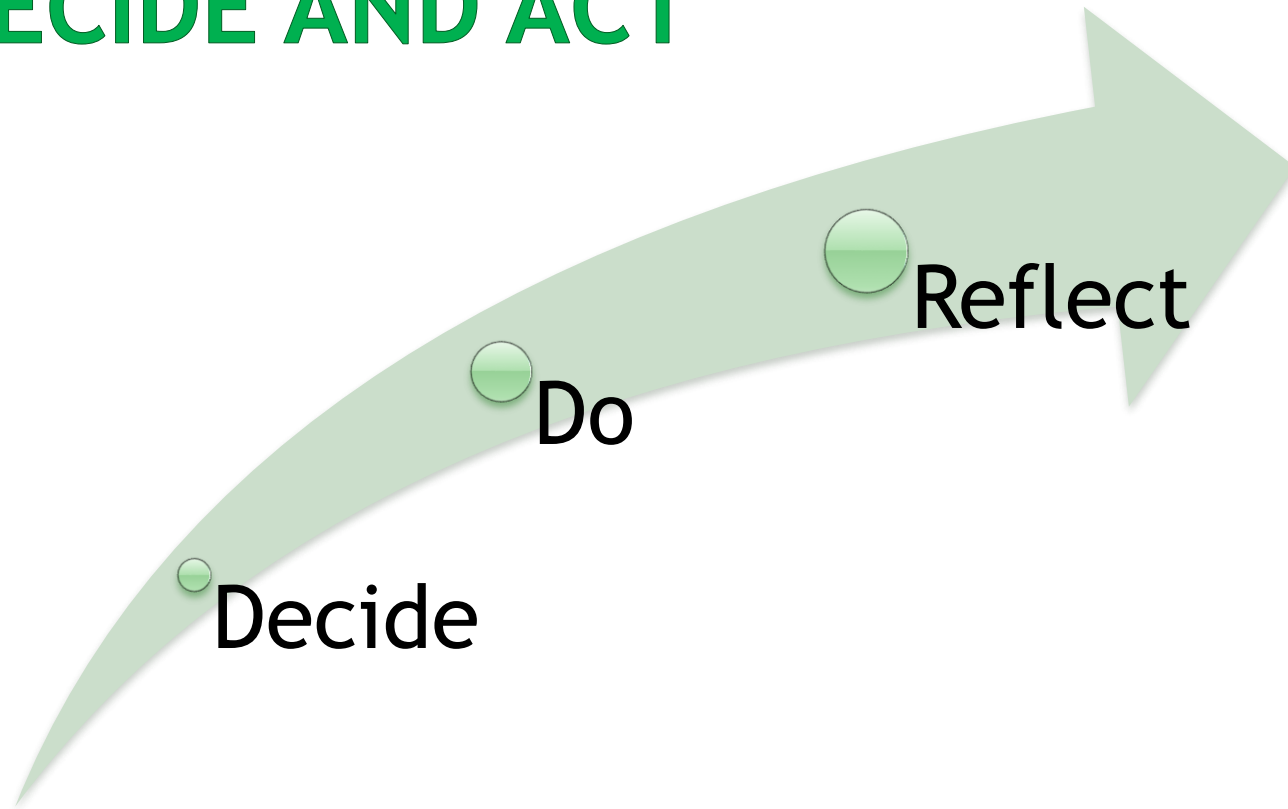
4. PRAY FOR GOD'S GUIDANCE

*God grant me
the serenity to accept
the things I cannot
change;
Courage to change the
things I can;
And wisdom to know
the difference.*

Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)



5. DECIDE AND ACT



Once the Catholic Christian has seriously considered a decision in light of an INFORMED conscience they can act with confidence

OTHER ISSUES

The following have been identified as ethical issues that are of particular concern to New Zealanders.

Choose one of the issues & apply the decision-making process.

- The morality of the death penalty, war, cloning, abortion and euthanasia.
- Treaty of Waitangi claims.
- Stem cell research.
- Doctor-assisted suicide.
- Gambling.
- The moral status of animals.
- Animal testing.