

~ 4-Way Test Contest ~

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The 4-way contest started in 1943. Their motto is: Is it the truth, Is it fair, Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships, and will it be Beneficial to all concerned. Do you remember when you lied to your mom when she asked you a question? Do you remember when you kept the ball during the whole game and didn't share? Do you remember when your neighbor asked you to mow their lawn and you decided to watch television instead? And do you remember when you talked about your best friend behind her back? These are all questions that you should ask yourself before you act at something.

Truth has a very important meaning in life. If you tell the truth, you won't have to remember what you said later. If you go through life and tell lies, in the end, no one will ever believe you. The word truth does not only mean telling the truth, it means good faith, honesty, and sincerity. Truthfulness could depend on whether you have friends, people to talk to, and have someone to depend on. Telling the truth will always help you in life, and if you don't, it could get you in some trouble.

The word fairness can mean more than just playing a game fair. It can mean being fair to others. Even though you may want to win a game, you should always play fair. In some games, you don't always have to play fair, but you should. If you see someone not playing the game fairly, you should not stoop to their level. Fairness is a big thing to some people and you should always follow your mind and not cheat. Be fair.

Goodwill can get you very far in life. Giving and being apart of goodwill will always help you later in life. If your elder neighbor asked you to mow their lawn, then you should dedicate your time. Your grandparents, and great-grandparents have paved the way for you, so you should help them out. If you want respect when you get older and grow, you should give respect now while you are young. Always remember this saying: "If you want respect, you have to give respect."

Friendship can mean a lot in your life. Being a true friend means being truthful at all time and always standing behind your friend through the thick and thin. You always have to trust your friend no matter what. Your friend should always be true to you. And you should always be truthful to them.

Having a friend is a very good thing.

I think the 4- way test is a very good way to show kids in our generation to be truthful, to have goodwill, to be fair, and to always have a good friendship in your life. Always remember to use these words and sayings every day in your life. Don't worry what other people say or do, just follow your heart.