

Unit: Principles, Ethics and Values for Leadership Skill 4: Defining A "Principled" Leader Activity A: What Are Principles And Values Worksheet

Situations

Situation #1

You are running late and have to prepare for a big meeting that morning. You made it to the parking lot and see the train is just pulling into the station. You can just make it if you hurry. As you are waiting to put your parking money into the slot, an older woman stumbles and drops her money on the ground. Pausing even a couple minutes to help her might cause you to miss your train, and the next train will get you to work only minutes before your meeting and you'll have no time to prepare.

What do you do? What are the risks/costs to you?

Situation #2

You are watching your daughter play soccer and standing at the edge of the field. Since the children are only 3-4 years old, there is a lot of chaotic activity as each child has a ball to practice moving down the field. One of your child's teammates is behaving badly and taking the practice balls away from other players. The coach intervenes as the teammate takes the ball from your daughter. The teammate runs away with the ball down the field, so the coach simply engages your daughter with another ball and lets the other child calm down. A few minutes later, you notice the teammate's father go and grab the child and take him behind the hedge along the parking lot. Since you are standing at the edge of the field, you can see the father take the child, pick him up and shake him hard while yelling directly at the child's face. They do not return to the field.

• What do you do? What are the risks/costs to you?

Situation #3

You are working as a volunteer for a charity, and you are helping run the big annual fundraiser, a benefit walk. Hundreds of people have shown up to walk, and you are really busy taking registrations all morning. Once things calm down and the walkers are out on the course, you notice one of the organizers taking money out of the cash boxes. When the organizer sees you looking, she politely says that she is just taking some money out of the boxes so there isn't so much cash sitting around. However you notice that she isn't counting the money she removes from each cash box. Later you hear from other event organizers that they were disappointed in the revenue generated from registration; it wasn't as much as they had thought they would bring in, given all the people.

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