Wisdom Scenarios

Scenario One

Chloe is angry at her friends. She overheard them talking about how they didn’t like the way she talked. They said she sounded like a snob and were thinking of doing a skit in the Talent Quest pretending to be her. Chloe is very angry and she wants to get back at her friends. She is planning ways to humiliate them.

What would be the wise thing for Chloe to do?

17 Don’t mistreat someone who has mistreated you. But try to earn the respect of others, 18 and do your best to live at peace with everyone. - Romans 12:17-18

Don’t get so angry that you sin. Don’t go to bed angry - Ephesians 4:26

Scenario Two

Jack loves to play video games. When his friend Will comes over there are some games that Will can’t play because his parents won’t let him. Jack sometimes tells Will just to play them because his parents aren’t around, but he’s not sure if that’s the best thing to be doing.

What do you think is the wise thing for Jack to do?

13 We must stop judging others. We must also make up our minds not to upset anyone’s faith. 14 The Lord Jesus has made it clear to me that God considers all foods fit to eat. But if you think some foods are unfit to eat, then for you they are not fit. - Romans 14:13-14*

*You may need to clarify why this verse is relevant. While Christians in Rome were allowed to eat anything, some felt it was sinful to eat certain foods. Paul is telling the Christians who can eat anything not to encourage others to eat in a way they feel would be sinful. In the same way we should not encourage other Christians to do things which they feel are wrong even if in our freedom we feel it is not sinful to do them, such as in the choices of some games we may play.


Scenario Three

Ella wants to go church but her parents have told her they don’t want her going. Ella knows that some of her friends go to church and she is thinking about going to church with them and just pretending she is playing at her friends’ houses. She knows she also has a CRU Group at her school, but she’s not sure she wants to give up one of her lunchtimes to go.

Respect your father and your mother, and you will live a long time in the land I am giving you. - Exodus 20:12

Some people have gotten out of the habit of meeting for worship, but we must not do that. We should keep on encouraging each other, especially since you know that the day of the Lord’s coming is getting closer. - Hebrews 10:25