

Moral Dilemmas —Thinking with the 7 Hats #1

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A prominent and popular secondary school teenager at your school is rumoured to be showing pornography to his mates on his mobile phone. He is the son of a well known pastor. Today you were in a small group of students and one of the girls dared him to show all of you the video on his mobile. Eventually he brought it out and all of you watched. Nobody walked away. Tonight you are thinking about the situation and wondering about how best to respond. It is time to put on your thinking hats!

1. White Hat

What are the facts? What information is to hand?

2. Red Hat

What are my feelings and intuitions about it all?

3. Black Hat

What are the difficulties and problems that present themselves? What are the dangers to me in various responses?

4. Yellow Hat

What benefits might come my way? What opportunities present themselves for me in all of this?

5. Green Hat

What creative responses can I open up and develop? What can I do that nobody would expect? Are there unique alternatives besides the obvious?

6. Blue Hat

Have I given equal effort to all five hats or favoured one? Is there more information I should obtain or someone I will consult? What will be the next step once I make my final decision on how to act?

7. Gold Hat

What would Jesus do in a situation like this? Is there a clear biblical principle that I can apply to guide my decision? Are my motives Christian and is the Christian ethic guiding my responses?

My intended response will be to
