

WHAT WOULD CONFUCIUS DO?

1. Alice is trying to decide how to vote. One candidate is intelligent and well educated but from a poor family. The other candidate is from a privileged background and a long line of politicians; the candidate has a good education but may not be as talented as the first candidate. For whom would Confucius vote? Why?

2. Ted is a successful businessman with a wife and two kids. His parents are getting old and need more care. He considers asking them to move in with him and his family. If Confucius were in the same situation as Ted, what do you think he would do? Why?

3. The city government has been unsatisfactory for some time. While the residents of the city used to like the mayor, lately they feel the mayor has not been very effective. City services such as the libraries and public transportation are not as reliable as they once were. City offices used to be open from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., but now they are only open from 1:00 – 2:30. City workers can often be seen eating in expensive restaurants, using taxpayers' money to pay the bills. What do you think Confucius would tell the residents of the city to do? Why?

4. Amanda has a chance to make some money on an idea that her friend shared with her. She could either tell everyone that it was her own idea and make a lot of money, or she could give credit to her friend but lose her chance to make a large profit. What do you think Confucius would tell her to do? Why?