

# Questions of Conscience

*Discuss each situation carefully. It is important to give grounds to your views and to ask further questions.*

1. You ask a colleague at work to dictate to you a set of lottery numbers and you pay for them yourself. You win a jackpot with the numbers. Would you tell your colleague about your victory? Would you give her / him part of the money?
2. You find out that your one-year-old child is not really yours because of a mix-up at the maternity ward. Would you like to exchange the child to your own biological child?
3. Someone promises to make a substantial contribution if you are willing to perform in front of a thousand guests at a charity event. Would you do it and if so, what would you perform?
4. You have the ability to move far into the future and come back in a year with all your experiences and information but no concrete objects or things. Would you make that trip, if it included a **50 % chance of dying**?
5. You find out that you have an incurable illness and you will die within three months. Would you be willing to have your body deep frozen within one week, if you knew that you would have a small chance of recovering and being cured in a thousand years?
6. If they offered you a chance to go back in time to any era of your choice, but there wouldn't be a chance to come back to the present day, would you go through with it? Which period of time would you choose?
7. Would you be prepared to have terrible nightmares for a year if you were rewarded with a lot of money?
8. You have a chance to have one of the following persons to work for you for free for five years: a wonderful cook, a chauffeur, a housekeeper, a masseur or a secretary. Which would you choose and why?
9. Would you leave your homeland for five million marks, if you could never return to it?
10. Would you like to be famous? In what field?
11. If you had the chance to wake up in the morning as someone else, who would this person be?
12. There's a fire at your apartment, where all your possessions and things are. You manage to save your family and your pets. You still have a chance to rush in and save one important object. What would it be?
13. What is it that you like least in your life?
14. What is it in your life that you feel most thankful for?
15. Would you rather choose a highly successful career but a boring private life **or** a very successful private life and a tolerable but uninteresting career?

16. Would you be willing to give away half of everything that you've got, if you changed permanently so that 30 minutes of sleep would be enough for you?

17. If you were given a chance to go back to some point in your life and change a difficult decision you made which affected your life, which moment would you choose?

18. How many times a day do you look at yourself in a mirror?

19. If you could live till you were 90 and have for the last 60 years of your life the **body** of a thirty-year old or the **mind** of a thirty-year-old, which would you choose?

20. If you knew that you were dying within one year, would you change your current way of living in any way?

21. Which person in the whole wide world would you like to invite for dinner?

22. Which would you tolerate better, having to leave your home neighbourhood for good or never being allowed to leave the place where you live now?

23. Which do you prefer, having dreams that you know will never come true **or** not having any dreams?

24. Would you be willing to give up watching TV for five years if you could save a thousand starving people by doing so?

25. If you knew that by choosing the beneficiaries of your will carefully you could benefit society greatly at the same time leaving very little to your own family, would you do it or favour your family?

26. If you could change the memories that you have of some incident or event in your life to your liking, would you do so?

27. Would you like to know the exact moment of your death?

28. Would you be willing to lie completely still and lame for one year, if you knew that by doing so you could prevent the ringed seal of Saimaa from extinction?

29. If you were allowed to ask three questions and be absolutely sure of honest answers, whom would you ask these questions and what would you ask?

30. Which experience in your childhood has proved to be the most important for you later on in your life?

31. Would you be willing to take a pension of 25 000 euros per year from now on, if it meant you would never be allowed to earn money by working or invest that money?

32. If you could wake up in the morning with an ability or a quality that you don't have now, what would it be?

33. If your friends and acquaintances were ready to honestly tell you what they really think of you, would you like them to do that?

34. When walking on an empty street you find a wallet with 3000 euros in it but not the owner's name nor his/her address. What would you do? What if the owner's name was there?
35. If you were given the chance to spend one year on a desert island with the person of your choice, would you be willing to leave everything and go? Who would you pick?
36. Would you be willing to raise your IQ(=intelligence quotient) by 40 points, if you in exchange had to suffer from an ugly scar reaching from your eye to the side of your mouth?
37. Do you think that you have a great influence on the people you are in contact with? Can you name someone who has had a great influence on you?
38. If your girlfriend / boyfriend was in an accident and became paralysed as a result, would you still be willing to get married with her / him?
39. Would you be willing not to wash yourself for three whole months, if you got 16 000 euros? You wouldn't be allowed to explain this to anyone in any way.
40. How do you dress, when you want to look sexy?
41. Would you be willing to use a safe medical method to alter the genes of your unborn child so that she/he would turn out much more intelligent, beautiful and healthier than without gene manipulation?
42. If a crystal ball could tell the truth about one thing concerning you, your life or your future, what would you like to know?
43. Which would you choose: One bosom friend(=a very close friend) but no other close friends or no bosom friend but lots of other friends and acquaintances?
44. When you are walking down the street you meet your mother who is walking hand in hand with someone who is obviously her lover. How do you react?
45. Would you like to play a game or a match with someone who is better than you or with someone who is worse than you?
46. Would you be willing to lie to the authorities in order to save your friend from serious trouble?
47. What would you do, if you found out that a nuclear war would break out one week from now?
48. When going to a party, do you dress too formally or too casually?
49. Which is more important to you, the intensity of love or its permanence(=it lasts a long time).
50. If you had difficulties in an important exam, would you be willing to cheat, if you could do it without getting caught?