Kidder’s Nine Checkpoints of Ethical Decision-Making

1. Recognize that there is a moral issue.
2. Determine the actor(s).
3. Gather the relevant facts.
4. Test for right vs. wrong:
   - Legal test
   - Regulations test
   - Stench test
   - Front-page test
   - Mom test
5. Test for right vs. right:
   - Truth vs. loyalty
   - Self vs. community
   - Short vs. long term
   - Justice vs. mercy
6. Apply the resolution principles:
   - Ends-based
   - Rule-based
   - Care-based
7. “Trilemma” options?
8. Make the decision.
9. Revisit and reflect.