

# The Silence Matrix

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	What we're told to do	What we're not told to do	What we're told not to do	What we're not told not to do
Doing	(1) Good	(2) Could be either	(3) Bad	(4) Could be either
Not doing	(5) Bad	(6) Could be either	(7) Good	(8) Could be either

## (1) Doing what we're told to do

This is universally good. It is obedience.

## (2) Doing what we're not told to do

This could be either good or bad. If I never tell my son to mow the lawn, and he does, I'd consider it a good thing. If, on the other hand, I never tell him to eat the whole pie in the refrigerator and he does, I'd consider it a bad thing.

## (3) Doing what we're told not to do

This is universally bad. It is disobedience.

## (4) Doing what we're not told not to do

This could be either good or bad. If I never tell my son not to mow the lawn, and he does it, I'd consider it a good thing. If, on the other hand, I never tell him not to eat the whole pie in the refrigerator, I'd consider it a bad thing.

## (5) Not doing what we're told to do

This is universally bad. It is disobedience.

## (6) Not doing what we're not told to do

This could be either good or bad. If I never tell my son to eat the whole pie in the refrigerator, and he doesn't, I'd consider it a good thing. If, on the other hand, I never tell him to stop and help the elderly person with a flat tire on the side of the road, and he doesn't, I'd consider it a bad thing.

## (7) Not doing what we're told not to do

This is universally good. It is obedience.

## (8) Not doing what we're not told not to do

This could be either good or bad. If I never tell my son not to eat the whole pie in the refrigerator, and he doesn't, I'd consider it a good thing. If, on the other hand, I never tell him not to lose his temper, and he does, I'd consider it to be a bad thing.