

Questions on the Crash Course Philosophy MetaEthics Video

In the Crash Course Philosophy video on MetaEthics, we watched a scenario involving an old woman and a masked man. The masked man intended to rob the old woman, but he ended up saving her life instead. By breaking the window so that he could enter her house and steal her belongings, he ended up saving her life (rather than stealing her belongings).

1. Were the masked man's intentions good or bad? Explain.
2. Were the consequences of the masked man's actions good or bad? Explain.
3. What is morality mainly about? The consequences of our actions? Our intentions? Something else? Explain.

4. If we *intend* to do something *good*, does it matter whether or not the *consequences* of what we do are mostly *bad*? Why or why not? Explain. (For example, imagine that you are a scientist who tries to cure a deadly disease, but the medicine that you invent ends up killing more people than the deadly disease.)
5. If we intend to do something bad, does it matter whether or not the consequences of what we do are mostly good? Why or why not? Explain. (For example, imagine that a terrorist tries to kill millions of people with a new virus, but instead of killing people, the virus actually cures cancers and saves hundreds of millions of lives. The terrorist's intentions were bad, but the consequences of their actions were good.)