



Case Study #1: Brotherly Love

Latoya had just about finished the e-mail to her boyfriend Jeff. They had had a fight the previous day and she wanted to apologize. She had been crabby.

She heard the phone ringing, and Marcus, her younger brother, came into the family room to tell her that the phone was for her. Latoya ran out, eager to talk to her friend.

Marcus walked past the computer and glanced at the screen. The half-finished e-mail to Jeff was still open. He read the message quickly and couldn't believe his sister wanted to continue hanging out with that jerk.

Suddenly, an idea came to him. He could re-write the e-mail using his sister's account and get rid of this kid forever. He sat down at the keyboard and began typing.

"Jeff. You're a jerk. I am now convinced that I never want to see or hear from you again. Never call me or e-mail me. You stink. Latoya."

Marcus was proud of himself. He re-read the message. Suddenly, he heard the sound of feet heading up the stairway. He was just about to send the message, but hesitated.

Discussion Questions:

- Why did Marcus hesitate in sending the message?
- By using his sister's account, did Marcus steal from her? Why / Why not?
- Why is privacy important? Does it seem to be important to Marcus?
- Does Marcus believe in "Treat others as you would like to be treated"?