

SERMON NOTES

SITUATION ETHICS

Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" (John 18:37-38)

Looking for a moral compass

Ethics is defined as the "Moral principles that govern a person's _____ or the conducting of an activity."

Defining ethics has always been the problem with humanity.

I cannot give a definitive answer because there is none. There is no Ethics Jeopardy game with right and wrong answers, buzzers, and a host with the answers written on a card. *Santa Barbara Independent (May 2013; Ben Bycel)*

"Everywhere in the Bible, clear moral distinctions are drawn; there is no blurring them, as in the case of the ethnic [heathen, pagan] religions and in most of the schemes of human speculation. In the Bible, righteousness is everywhere commanded and commended; sin is always condemned. Inner purity, nor merely outward, ceremonial and conventional morality, is always taught." *L. S. Keyser, in his book "A System of Christian Evidence."*

Other names:

1. Ethical Relativism / When in Rome ...
2. Contextualism or Contextual _____ Making
3. Ethical Individualism / Moral individualism
4. THE NEW MORALITY! The only _____ is there are no _____



Is LOVE the only measure that can determine morality?

How do you define love? *2 Timothy 3:2-5*

Are _____ and _____ mutually exclusive? *John 14:14, 21-23*

Are we generous enough to seek one another's good?

"This presents one with a terrifying degree of freedom" (Barclay)

The Moral Compass Of Man Must Be The Bible!

The Bible presents an ABSOLUTE standard of _____ and _____ *Galatians 5:19-23*

Pilate asked the right question: What is truth? *John 18:33-40; John 17:17*

Examples of making moral choices:

- ➡ Joseph *Genesis 39:5-9*
- ➡ King Saul *1 Samuel 15*
- ➡ Babylon Boys *Daniel 3:16-18* Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah



Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! (Isaiah 5:20-21)

IN THOSE DAYS THERE WAS NO KING IN ISRAEL; EVERYONE DID WHAT WAS RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES. JUDGES 21:25

1 Timothy 4:8; 2 Timothy 3:15-17

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