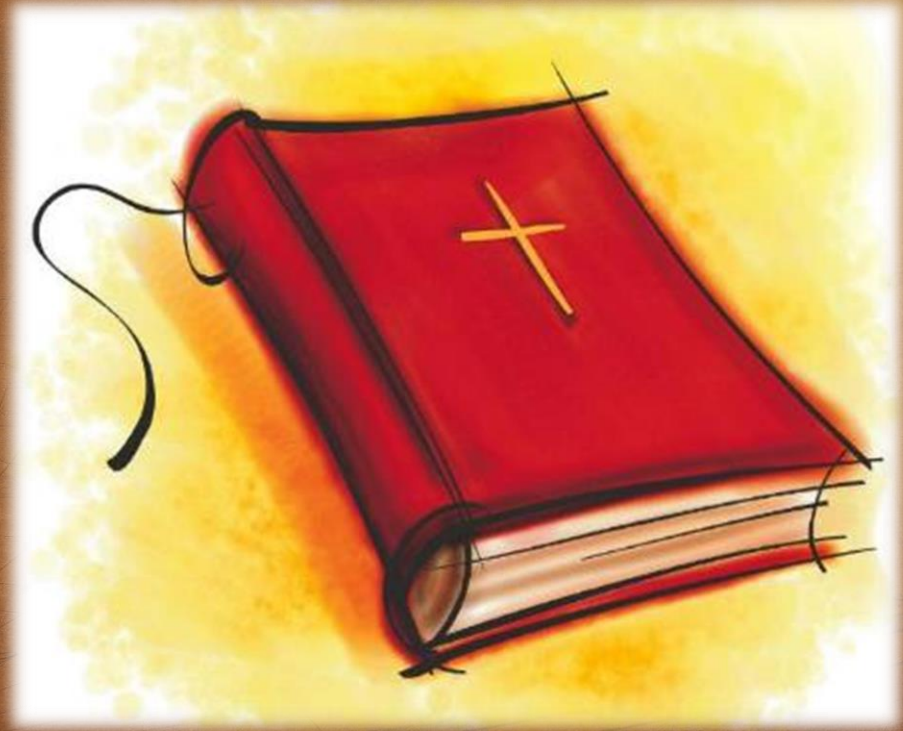


FOCUS TEXT
ISAIAH 5:20-21





SITUATION ETHICS

*Looking for a moral
compass*

Ethics is defined as the

“Moral principles that govern a person's behavior 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.

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The Flood
Genesis 6

The Mt. Sermon
Matthew 5-7

Other names:

- ✓ Ethical Relativism

When in Rome ...

- ✓ Contextualism or Contextual Decision Making

- ✓ Ethical Individualism

Moral individualism

- ✓ THE NEW MORALITY!

The only rule is there are no rules



Is LOVE the only measure that can determine morality?

1. How do you define love?

2 Timothy 3:2-5

2. Are law and love mutually exclusive?

John 14:15, 21-23

3. 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 **RIGHT** and **WRONG**

Galatians 5:19-23



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Pilate asked the right question:

What is truth?

John 18:33-40

John 17:17



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Examples of making moral choices:

- Joseph *Genesis 39:5-9*
- King Saul *1 Samuel 15*
- Babylon Boys *Daniel 3:16-18*





Situational ethics is looking past the standard **right** and **wrong**, and performing what the circumstances demand.

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)

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T R U T H

**never changes with the
circumstance**

**CIRCUMSTANCE
NEVER CHANGES**

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned"

Mark 16:15-16