

# 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.

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"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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