



The Notes

UNHOLY

Part 3: "The Right Tool—The Wrong Way"

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Are there clear moral standards, or is it situational?



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IS MORALITY ABSOLUTE OR SITUATIONAL?

WHAT IS IMMORAL? _____

WHAT IS MORAL? _____

THE PROBLEM WITH "THE BIBLE SAYS IT. I BELIEVE IT. THAT SETTLES IT."

PROBLEM #1: _____.

"He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction."

2 Peter 3:16 (NIV)

PROBLEM #2: _____.

PROBLEM #3: _____.

How are we justified?

"For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law."

Romans 3:28 (NIV)

"You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone."

James 2:24 (NIV)

What about violence?

"Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy all that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys."

1 Samuel 15:3 (NIV)

"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also."

Matthew 5:38-39 (NIV)

Can women teach men in the church?

"A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet."

1 Timothy 2:11-12 (NIV)

"I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchreae...Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews who have been in prison

with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.”

Romans 16:1,7 (NIV)

Should we obey the government?

“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.”

Romans 13:1 (NIV)

Rahab and the Spies - Joshua 2

Surely, slavery is bad?

“Your male and female slaves are to come from the nations around you; from them you may buy slaves. You may also buy some of the temporary residents living among you and members of their clans born in your country, and they will become your property. 46 You can bequeath them to your children as inherited property and can make them slaves for life, but you must not rule over your fellow Israelites ruthlessly.”

Leviticus 25:44-46 (NIV)

“Were you a slave when you were called? Don’t let it trouble you—although if you can gain your freedom, do so.”

1 Corinthians 7:21 (NIV)

“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Galatians 3:28 (NIV)

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STOP USING THE BIBLE LIKE...

1. ..._____. START USING IT LIKE

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“Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

Hebrews 4:11-13 (NIV)

2. ..._____. START USING IT LIKE _____.

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

3. ..._____. START USING IT

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“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

John 1:1 (NIV)

“They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator...”

Romans 1:25a (NIV)