

PRINCIPLE ETHICS (BIBLICAL) VS. SITUATIONAL ETHICS:

“In a time of deceit telling the truth is a revolutionary act.” (George Orwell)

Principle ethics: standards/ethics (knowing right and wrong) **grounded in scriptural truth that motivate and govern decisions and actions.**

Situational ethics: standards/ethics that are **sculpted or manipulated to fit the situation by which decisions and actions are made accordingly.**

To illustrate this, the difference between a thermometer and thermostat is that a thermometer READS the temperature and a thermostat SETS the temperature. We can't allow ourselves to be influenced by the world; we must be the influencers and SET the temperature on “red hot for Jesus!”

“He who deliberately stifles his convictions of duty because it interferes with his inclinations will finally lose the power to distinguish between truth and error. The understanding becomes darkened, the conscience callous, the heart hardened, and the soul is separated from God. Where the message of divine truth is spurned or slighted, there the church will be enshrouded in darkness; faith and love grow cold, and estrangement and dissention enter. Church members center their interest and energies in worldly pursuits, and sinners become hardened in their impenitence.” (America in Prophecy, E.G. White, originally published in 1888, pg. 358)

We are called to live our lives based on solid Biblical standards not on every ebb and flow of the world. “God said it and that settles it.” This is important to understand. There has been increased demonic pressure on the Church to “play the chameleon” and conform to the world. We want to be “relevant” but without compromise. We must resist temptation! Unfortunately, in many ways we have “crossed the line” and “taken the bait.” **“Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...” (Rom. 12:2)** We need to build on the solid rock of Christ to withstand the worldly influences and stormy trials that come. (Matt. 7:24-28) Christ is immovable and “changes not.” (Mal. 3:6) **“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.” (Heb. 13:8)**

As we continue, I know this message is challenging some people's thinking as well as being a confirmation for others. I want to do the best I can by the “Spirit of truth” to articulate, reveal through words, some of the things we feel on the inside but can't quite define. I started out over fifteen years ago with an indefinable sense in my gut, in my conscience, “something's just not right, **there has to be more.**” On this quest there has been a lot of discoveries that have brought me to the KINGDOM REALITY.