



Situational Ethics vs Standing on Principles

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Psalms 1:1 – 6

Conflicting Ideology

- When our finances are threatened
- When fitting in is more important to us
- When getting that job or new position at work are on the line
- When we just want it so badly
- When we think we are helping someone
- When we think nobody is going to get hurt



What are Situational Ethics?



- ✦ Situational ethics is also known as relativism.
- ✦ These ethics are relative to the situation one finds himself involved in.
- ✦ Based on this ethical standard each individual acts as his or her own judge of right and wrong.
- ✦ In this thought process the individual must decide the moral code.
- ✦ In this standard of ethics there can be no absolutes.

Does the Bible sanction Situational Ethics?

Rahab's lie

- ✦ Joshua 2:4 – 6
- ✦ Hebrews 11:31
- ✦ James 2:25
- ✦ Revelation 21:8

David and his men eat the showbread

- ✦ I Samuel 21:1 – 6
- ✦ Matthew 12:1 – 8

Biblical view of Situational Ethics



- ✦ Galatians 2:11 – 13
- ✦ Colossians 2:6 – 8
- ✦ Wrong is wrong and will always be wrong
- ✦ Hebrews 13:7 – 9
- ✦ Acts 17:29
- ✦ Galatians 1:6 – 9
- ✦ Acts 17:30 – 31

Standing on Principles

- Ephesians 4:14
- Colossians 2:6 – 8
- Psalms 1:1 – 6
- I Corinthians 15:58





What kinds ethics do you live by?

Do your ethical principles lined up with the Gospel of Christ?