

# The Principle of Morality

Four questions: Take a moment and try to write out your own answers and ask yourself if they are consistent with each other.

1 - How did I get here? The question of Origins: \_\_\_\_\_

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2 - How do I know right from wrong? The question of morals: \_\_\_\_\_

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3 - Does my life have meaning? The question of purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

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4 - What happens when I die? The question of life after death: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 1 - Our Standards are Given to us by God through His word

**B - Our standards are unchanged by time, or the will of society.**

Discussion question: Should the standards of the Bible be adapted to modern social issues or should they stay the same no matter how society changes? \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2 - Our world is willing to accept anything, accept biblical morality

**Luke 7:20-30** <sup>20</sup> Now when Yeshua was asked by the Pharisees *when the kingdom of God would come*,

He answered them and said, "*The kingdom of God does not come with signs to be seen.*" <sup>21</sup> Nor will they say, 'Look, here!' or 'There!' For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst." <sup>22</sup> Then Yeshua said to the disciples, "The days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it." <sup>23</sup> They will say to you, 'Look, there!' or 'Look, here!' Do not go and chase after them. <sup>24</sup> For just as the lightning flashes from one part of the sky and lights up another part, so will the Son of Man be in His day. <sup>25</sup> But first He must suffer much and be rejected by this generation. <sup>26</sup> **As it was in the days of Noah, so will it also be in the days of the Son of Man.** <sup>27</sup> They were eating, drinking, marrying, and being given in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all. <sup>28</sup> "It was just the same in the days of Lot. They were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, building. <sup>29</sup> But on the day Lot left Sodom, it rained fire and sulfur from heaven and destroyed them all. <sup>30</sup> **Things will be the same on the day when the Son of Man is made fully known.** (TLV)

- How do these verses compare to the world, and what should we be doing to combat the moral decay happening around us? \_\_\_\_\_

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**2 Timothy 3:1-5** <sup>1</sup> You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. <sup>2</sup> For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. **They will consider nothing sacred.** <sup>3</sup> They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. <sup>4</sup> They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. <sup>5</sup> They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that! *(NLT)*

Sunday we learned that these verses are not only talking about the moral decay of the world, but of the church.

1 - How, as believers can we help maintain the integrity of the Gospel message through our own Moral choices? \_\_\_\_\_

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2 - How can we protect our personal witness through our own moral choices? \_\_\_\_\_

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