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Chapter 7 The Bible In Ethical Decision Hollinger, Dennis, March 8th, 2023

QUESTIONS

1. What is Reinhold Niebuhr's famous phrase about ethical decisions?
2. What is Paul Jersild's view on biblical ethic?
3. What is the essential nature of Scripture that gives it significance and relevance to ethical decisions and character?
4. How do we interpret Scripture, given that the contexts of then and now are so different?
5. What is Hollinger opinion about the ethical message in the New Testament?

ANSWERS

1. *Human nature was built on a biblical paradigm: "Man's capacity for justice makes democracy possible; man's capacity for injustice makes democracy necessary."*
2. *He believes the ethical message of the New Testament cannot be "identified primarily with imperatives relating to issues of our time." Instead, we must understand that in specific moral decisions. "*
3. *Some Christians see the Bible as a book of moral codes or an ethics textbook. They look to the Bible for a specific direction within every particular situation.*
4. *And just what portions of Scripture or kinds of biblical texts have relevance to modern ethical questions? These are the issues we immediately confront in applying the Bible to our day.*
5. *Hollinger believes that the ethical message of the New Testament cannot be "identified primarily with imperatives relating to issues of our time." (p. 151).*

TERMS

Unequivocal: Total or expressed in a clear and specific way.

Hermeneutic: The study of written texts and their meaning.

Bioethics: The study of what is right and wrong in biological technology.

SUMMARY:

This Chapter focuses on ethical decisions. In the introduction, he highlights his encounter in India with his student on Levirate practice." The practice meant that if a married male died, the next brother would take the widowed wife as his own, provided he was not married. "Hollinger, (p. 149). Hollinger explores other scholars' views and opinions on Biblical Ethical Decisions. Christians look to the Bible for moral decisions, not merely because they have done so for hundreds of years but because it is God's Word written. It "is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Tim. 3:16b). Hollinger, (p. 173).