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1. **What problems arise when looking to Biblical authority for Christian Ethics?** One may neglect to look at the full range of Biblical teaching. Ethical principles do not make up the majority of Biblical material and one can overlook the contextual nature of Biblical teaching and the hermeneutical processing that's always needed to use the Bible for theology and ethics. On the other hand, some find the Bible distant.
2. **Name a complexity of postmodern thought related to Biblical ethics?** Notions of Biblical authority (or any authority) is often rejected
3. **What five hermeneutical issues arise when pursuing Biblical ethics?** The Bible does not address many contemporary issues; issues addressed in Scripture are not always identical to today; moving from the Old Testament to the New Testament; the relationship between the particularity of the text and its universality; the handling of issues with multiple Biblical Principles and Paradigms
4. **What is a common form of Biblical Principle in the Old Testament?** The book of Proverbs
5. **What are Biblical paradigms?** Basic, broad understandings of life and theology that contain within them implied directions for ethics

## Three

**Casuistic Law:** laws mandating explicit behavior for specific situations; often using if.. then statements

**Apodictic Law:** straightforward regulations in the form of divine commands, such as the ten commandments

**Principles:** foundational perspectives and guidelines for human behavior

## One

Though Christians look to the bible for making moral decisions, certain issues persist in finding the appropriate application of such principles, or sometimes identifying a contemporary issue within Scripture at all. Hermeneutical issues must be taken with great care, such that right theology can form the basis of Christian decisions and actions. Utmost is to accept the authority of Scripture as the source of Biblical paradigms, moral examples, principles, and laws to support Christian ethical frameworks. The movement from then to now must be taken with integrity and openness, and also some grace for continued growth and application.