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5-3-1 Quiz – The Bible in Ethical Decisions
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Fill in the blanks:

1. The bible is full of stories and narratives about real-life people facing _____, _____, _____, and _____.
2. Christians look to the Bible for making moral decisions, not merely because they have done so for hundreds of years but because _____.
3. Some Christians see the Bible as a book of _____ or _____.
4. Biblical authority ultimately rests not on the Bible's ability to move or instruct followers but on its _____.
5. A strong affirmation of biblical _____ and _____ does not solve all problems related to Christian ethics.

Answers:

1. Spiritual, theological, moral, and practical issues.
2. It's God's written Word.
3. Moral codes or an ethics textbook.
4. Very nature as the Word of God.
5. Inspiration and authority

Definitions:

Casuistic Law: is the most specific form of direction in the Bible. Typically, using an "if...then" form, these laws mandate explicit behavior for specific situations.

Apodictic Law: are straightforward regulations in the form of divine commands that contain some specificity of action, but both the setting and entail some form of human deliberation in application to real-life issues.

Hermeneutics: The hermeneutical task is to make sure that the biblical material is a legitimate application as the bible provides a large overarching story.

Summary:

Chapter 7 in Hollinger's book discusses the Bible in ethical decisions with looking at different views of its authority and inspiration. Hollinger argues looking at the bible hermeneutical view helps us to see the overarching view in contemporary issues. Although the authority in bibles scriptures, Hollinger also highlights in the Old Testament is reported but not necessarily condoned and thus the necessary to reflect the social structures and cultural practices of the biblical times form their primary intent. Hollinger also discusses the five forms of moral guidance, Casuistic Law, Apodictic Law, Principles, Biblical Paradigms with implied ethical guidance, narrative and moral examples.