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Questions

1. What is empirical judgment?
2. What's true about data or facts when thinking about empirical judgment?
3. What makes the difference in empirical judgment?
4. What impacts the way humanity reads the facts while making ethical decisions where data is concerned?
5. True or false, vested interests are only about financial benefits?

Answers

1. The interpretation of data or facts and experience in moral decision making.
2. How facts are interpreted impacts one's judgment.
3. The varying sets of data and its subsequent interpretation.
4. Social more, ideology, vested interest, personal disposition.
5. False, benefits include power in its many forms.

Terms

- **Social more** - Normative structure of rules and regulations that govern social behavior.
- **Ideology** - System of ideas to interpret social realities and define goals.
- **Vested Interests** - Benefits received from existing arrangements in a society or within an institution.

Summary

It is vital that Believers are aware of social more, ideology, vested interest, personal disposition, but grounded in and committed to the truth amidst the facts. Since we will answer before God, it is vital that we grapple to discern truth to arrive at God's ethical answer/response. For example, we are to espouse the supremacy of Christ, versus the ideology of a certain political party.