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5-3-1 Quiz – Models of Christian Ethics
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Fill in the blanks:

1. Christians living in an oppressive regime in which the church has few freedoms will not have at their disposal the same models as do Christians living in a ____ with ____ ___.
2. ____ _____ focuses on bringing social and physical relief when the need arises.
3. Christian alternative institutions, ethical commitments are implemented through the development of institutions created to _____ _____ ____ _____.
4. Prophetic pronouncement model for implementing change involves the voice of the church or Christian groups speaking to the world to challenge existing values, policies, structural arrangements, and cultural practices and to _____ ___ _____ __ _____ _____.
5. As we seek to think, live, and apply our Christian moral commitments to a complex world, we need to do so with, _____, _____, _____, and _____.

Answers:
1. Democracy with unbounded freedom.
2. Christian relief
3. Address a particular need or issue.
4. Commend new forms in their place.
5. Assurance, humility, conviction, and love.

Definitions:

1. Remedial Model- attempts to address an already existing evil, unethical practice, injustice, or social problem.
2. Personal models: Focus on individual needs and seek to bring about changes at the individual level like changing attitudes or healing personal relationships by working at racial reconciliation.
3. Structural models: seek to change laws and institutional practices within society.

Summary:

Chapter 12 in Hollinger's book discusses Models of Christian Ethics and how even if Christians subscribe to the same ethical principles or biblical texts they arrive at different strategies when applying them to the moral and ethical commitments to societal issues. Hollinger highlights how there are nine different models implemented in the Christian world in two different avenues, remedial model and personal to structural actions. The nine models are Christian relief, Christian Alternative Intuitions, Evangelism, Prophetic Pronouncements, Lobbying, Political Parties/Political Groups, Nonviolent Resistance, Christian Embodiment, and Individual Impact. Hollinger concludes there needs to be wisdom and discernment in how efforts are communicating the moral vision and analyze any second, unintended consequences of the methods applied.