

# **TH604: Christian Ethics: OA**

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### **Questions**

1. What's the reality about Believers applying ethical principles?
2. How are models of Christian influence organized?
3. What does the remedial model attempt to do?
4. How do structured models function?
5. What are the pros and cons of a Christian Relief model?

### **Answers**

1. Believers can apply the same ethical principles, but also end up with differing strategies for applying moral and ethical ideals to address social issues.
2. They are organized by two continuums across 9 models of influence.
3. The remedial model seeks to right an existing wrong, problem, or injustice immediately, without addressing the long-term needs or foundational or systemic issues.
4. The aim of the structural model is to seek to change immoral/unjust laws and institutional practices within society.
5. This model, while highly personal and attentive to specific needs, doesn't provide a long-term solution or afford justice.

### **Terms**

- **Kerygma**- Proclamation or one who proclaims.
- **Prophetic voice** - Those who speak against unethical or immoral behavior to evoke change within society.
- **Middle axiom** - An attempt to define the direction non-Christians should subscribe to by Christians, based on the ethics of the faith.

### **Summary**

It is vital that Believers learn to live and think like Jesus to impact the world much as possible for its sake and His glory. Therefore, Believers must learn to apply a variety of ethical models, understand how to navigate modern and postmodern thought within a pluralistic society, in order to understand how to influence the culture.