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## The Bible Applied to Life

1. How to Apply the Bible
2. How the Bible Shapes our Actions
3. Conversations between Bible and Culture
4. Putting it into Practice




### Applying Letters to Churches

- Col 3:12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.





### Applying other Scriptures



### Exodus 23:19b


'Do not cook a young goat in its mother's milk.'

hearing God's Word    becoming like God's Son    serving God's Mission

### Exodus 23:19b


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Ladder of Abstraction


Of what is this a particular example?



Fertility Ritual

Ex 23:19

Then

Now 



Ex 23:19  
"Fertility Ritual"

God isn't a puppet



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Dear Lord,

All I ask is for a chance to prove that winning the lottery won't make me a bad person!





Ex 23:19 — "Fertility Ritual?"





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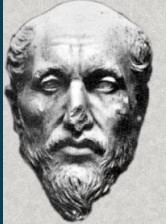


Ex 23:19

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Ex 23:19 — "Moral Insensitivity"




Philo of Alexandria

"callous and perverse disposition that is irreverent and lacks all feeling of compassion."




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Guidelines for Ladder of Abstraction

- There is more than one ladder to go up.
- The more rungs of the ladder = further from the text itself
- Application never has authority of Scripture itself



Ladder of Abstraction

- Need to use scholarship to help understand
- Take time to chew it over




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