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Importance of Inference?

What is an inference? Any conclusion we draw from given information

Communicator Implies, Received Infers



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“All reasoning contains inferences or interpretations by which we draw conclusions and give meaning to data.”

Richard Paul, Linda Elder, Miniature Guide to Critical Thinking



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Are Implications Binding?

**Context must determine – not all
conclusions are equal**



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Examples

Why are you a Christian today?

What is the “Greatest Commandment”?



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What about “things like these”? (Gal. 5:19-21)

Discerning good and evil (Heb. 5:12-14)

Jesus’ expectations (Matt. 22:23-33; Mark 7)

Implications in Ten Commandments



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Jesus as High Priest, and necessity of change in Law (Heb. 7:12-14)

Recognizing the Messiah (John 5:39)



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Hand in hand with examples

Principle: fundamental truth from which other laws or behaviors are derived.



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What about abuses?

Deal with the abuse, but don't denigrate the communication process.



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“Only commands are binding.”

How did you draw this conclusion?



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God expects us to draw reasonable conclusions.

Context and sound thinking