

Ethical Issues:
Guide to reading and writing

Understanding Ethics: A Christian Perspective

For reading: Choose three issues, i.e. one issue from each category

- Category 1: Global issues

- War and peace
- Caring for creation
- Living with global poverty
- Human rights

- Category 2: Social issues

- The world of work
- Business relationships
- Celebrating ethnic diversity
- Simplicity, generosity and contentment

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- Category 3: Personal issues
 - Women, men and God
 - Marriage, cohabitation and Divorce
 - Abortion and euthanasia
 - Biotechnology
 - Same-sex relationships

For writing: How to proceed...

- Select one of the three chosen issues as your focus
- Write a 4000 word essay on this selected issue
- Follow the five step model in your essay:
 1. Identifying the issue (750 words)
 2. Understanding the issue (750 words)
 3. Analysing the issue (500 words)
 4. Contributing to the issue – a Christian perspective (1000 words)
 5. Responding to the issue – case study / studies (1000 words)
- Remember to use and engage with the required and recommended literature!

A five step approach

- 1) What is the issue and why is it relevant?
- 2) How can we understand the issue better?
- 3) What are the key principles and values at stake?
- 4) What is the distinctive contribution from a Christian ethical perspective?
- 5) How should the ethical response be – e.g. from (a) Christian journalists in mainstream news media? (b) Christian communication workers in church media? (c) Christian local churches?

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Preliminary choices:

- Which three ethical issues will you choose for your reading?
- Which of those three ethical issues will you select for your essay?

Final choices later: Monday 13th March 2017