

Hermeneutics - Chapter 17
Theological Principles of Interpretation - Rule 24 & Case Studies

Exercises - pages 255-256

1. The Bible does not expressly prohibit abortion. Using deductive reasoning, show that it is wrong / right with accompanying Scripture.

2. Evaluate the following syllogisms:

- * Believers are to abstain from all appearance of evil (1 Thess. 5:22)
- * Drinking alcoholic beverages has an appearance of evil (Proverbs 20:1)
- > Christians should not drink alcoholic beverages

3. Take a teaching you believe to be implied in the Bible, state it as a syllogism, and support it with Scripture (Do not use those mentioned in the book or in this study guide)

CASE STUDIES

1) A person says to you, “*I have done a topical study on the Holy Spirit from Acts. Now I plan on preaching a series of message on it.*” What principles of interpretation would you counsel him or her to remember? Write out your answer on a separate sheet of paper.

2) Bill is a conscientious objector on the basis of the sixth commandment, “*Thou shalt not kill*” (Exodus 20:13). Apart from your own personal bias on the subject, how would you counsel Bill, using the twenty - four rules of interpretation? Include in your comments the rules you would use.

3) On the basis of Matthew 19:21-23 and Luke 14:33, you are told by someone that to be a follower of Christ you must rid yourself of all possessions. Biblically, how would you answer this person and which of the rules of interpretation would you use?

4) A Jehovah’s Witness argues that Jesus denied being divine in John 10:33-36. Using the rules of interpretation just studied, interpret this passage and answer the Jehovah’s Witness’ assertion. List the rules you used as you do this.