

The Ladder of Abstraction

Principles and Values

Climb it by asking:

1. What does this scripture teach us about God?
2. What does it teach about human nature?

Some texts must be abstracted to their intent: e.g., "Don't boil a kid in its mother's milk" means "Don't participate in idolatrous practices of the surrounding culture."

Other texts go straight across: e.g., "Love your enemies."

