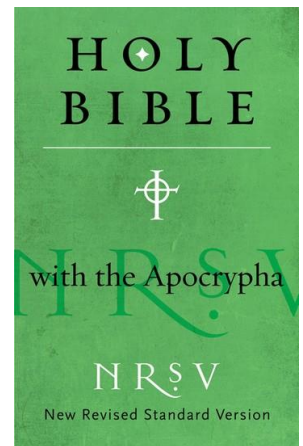


Lesson 4: What does the Bible say about making the right decisions?

We have looked at both Augustine and Aquinas' ideas about conscience.

Augustine says it comes directly from God as a voice in our heads. **Aquinas** says we need to use our **reason** and the **Bible** to help understand how we should act.



Before we go any further let's remind ourselves of a few things about the Bible.

For Christians the **Bible** is their holy text – they believe that it was written by human beings over many centuries but that those humans were inspired by God.

They also believe that it contains the story of **Jesus** who was the son of God, and very importantly, the **words he spoke** and the **messages he taught**.

Even though you might think of the Bible as a single book it is actually made up of dozens of individual books.

They were written by many different authors in many different places across the course of hundreds of years.

Some are books of poetry, some historical, some tell the story of Jesus, some are letters or records of wise sayings.

“If a serious injury results, then you must require a life for a life— eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, and stripe for stripe.”

Exodus 21:23-25



Put this quote in your own words

If you forgive others the wrongs they have done to you, your Father in heaven will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive the wrongs you have done.”

Matthew 6:14-15



Put this quote in your own words



Why might it be hard for a Christian to use the Bible to help them make decisions?
