

Sermon Series: Getting MORE Out of Bible Study
Teaching: Casebook and Codebook
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Introduction ¹

2 Samuel 24:1,2

1 Chronicles 21:1,2

1 Peter 3:15

Which author is right?

It seems to me that we face one of two basic choices: either God planted these differences in Scripture as some final test to see if we could believe in spite of what we see on the pages, or he allowed the writers of Scripture to incorporate these differences as a means of expressing their own experience in the things of God, thus enriching our lives through what we read on its pages.²

Telling God how he should have done it will not change the Bible. It is too late for that. We have to live with it as it is.³

Brethren, cling to your Bible, as it reads, and stop your criticisms in regard to its validity, and obey the Word, and not one of you will be lost. ⁴

¹ Unless noted, all texts are using the NASB version of the Bible

² Thompson, Alden. Inspiration: Hard Questions, Honest Answers (Kindle Locations 326). Energion Publications. Kindle Edition.

³ Thompson, Alden. Inspiration: Hard Questions, Honest Answers (Kindle Locations 1187). Energion Publications. Kindle Edition.

⁴ White, Ellen. Believe His Prophets pg 163

Casebook and Codebook

1 Timothy 2:11-15

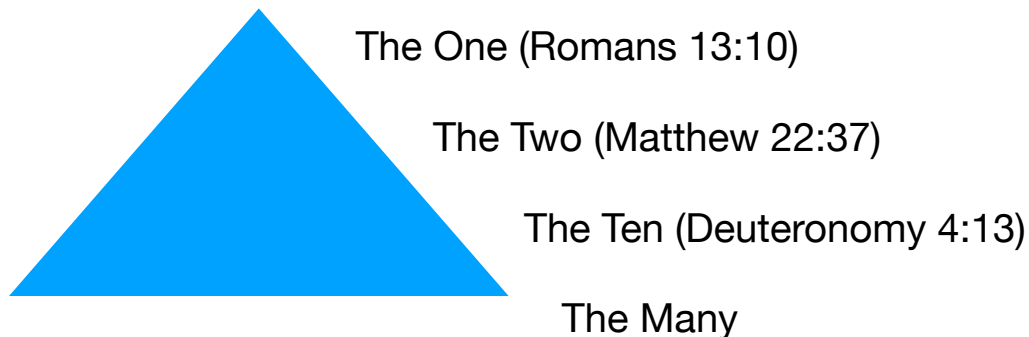
Exodus 21:1-6

Numbers 35:9-28

God has not placed himself on trial in the Bible in words, logic, or rhetoric.⁵

A codebook approach to demands _____ more than _____, obedient compliance more than thoughtful _____.

Except for the law pyramid, Scripture is more like a _____ than a _____.



The Casebook Approach

Genesis 22:1,2

Isaiah 37:5-7

Jeremiah 21:9

Ezra 8:21-23

Nehemiah 2:7-9

⁵ White, Ellen, Selected Messages, book 1, page 21

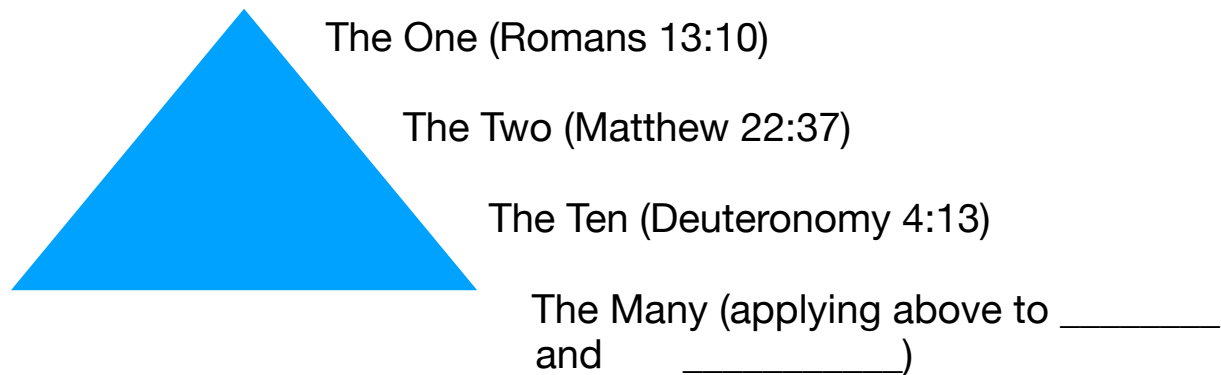
Christians are reluctant to admit the _____ model for fear of undermining the _____ of Scripture.

1. _____ God's authority.
2. Let an _____ do the thinking for you.

If Scripture is a casebook, with God guiding people using different paths in the past, *without making decisions for them*, how do we find out how to deal with situations today?

We cannot just know _____, we have to know _____.

The Codebook Approach



Matthew 19:8

External commands become more _____ and more _____ as the internal law disappears from the hardened human heart.

Galatians 3:24
Jeremiah 31:34

sin= _____ God's law

SIN = living life without a _____ with Jesus Christ

Is your relationship with Jesus Christ more like a codebook or a casebook?