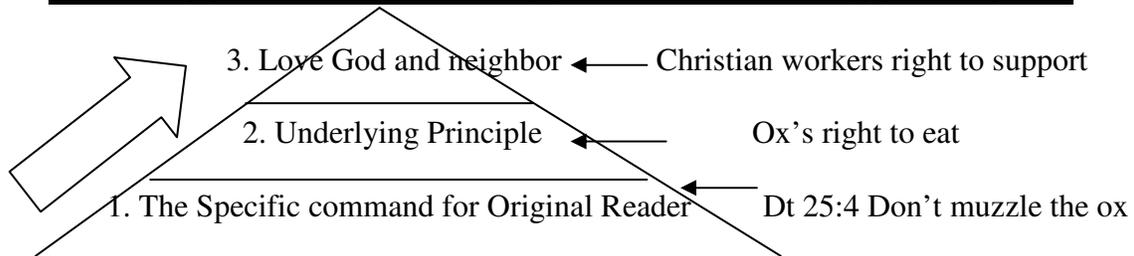


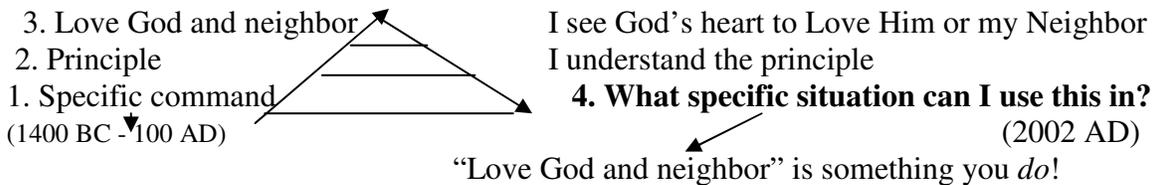
Bible Application - 3 level pyramid of finding principles*



- 1) The specific command for the Original Reader
 - Most specific → must be understood in light of O/R first!
- 2) What is the underlying principle behind this law/paragraph/teaching etc?
 - More general
- 3) From Jesus' own words the entire law fits under, **Love God and neighbor.**
 - Most general category → If having trouble ask, "how..?"

Bringing the principle "home"

There's more than simply, "understanding" a principle. Application puts it to use in a specific situation. Something like this:



The Bible's standard of learning is knowledge in action or you haven't learned. (Jas 2:25)

Conditions to Application

New Testament and New Covenant → OT laws and principles must always be considered in light of the New Covenant and the New Testament. We are not Israelites living under the "written code".

Col 2:14 "having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross." (NIV) (also Eph 2:15)

TIP: Meditate on it to understand it!

"I always find that I can preach best when I can manage to lie asoak in my text, I like to get a text, and find out it's meaning and bearings, and so on; and then, after I have bathed in it, I delight to lie down in it, and let it soak into me." Charles Spurgeon

* "Applying the Bible" – Jack Kuhatschek), ** handout taken and revised from SBS files