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Relationship between crimes and right and wrong

Acts that are crimes and are explicitly wrong

- Illegal
- Against God's laws
- Example: Murder

Acts that are crimes because they legally prohibited

- Illegal
- God's law says nothing explicitly about the particular act
- We obey the laws of the land
- Example: Operating a vehicle without a license
- Example: Going a certain speed is legal or illegal depending on your location

Acts that are not crimes yet are explicitly wrong

- Legal
- Explicitly stated as God's law
- Example: Word of Wisdom
- Many parts are not against the laws of the land
- Explicitly stated

Acts that are not crimes yet they are implicitly wrong

- Legal
- Not explicitly stated as against Gods law
- Lots of things we do fall into this area
 - We need to apply judgment to know if it is wrong or right

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