

Pragmatism

Doing what's right or doing what works?

1. The Definition of Pragmatism

2. The Attraction of Pragmatism

3. The Problem with Pragmatism

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that appears to be right,
but in the end it leads to death.

4. The Solution to Pragmatism

Hamilton, 'Doing things that works isn't the problem. The problem comes when we decide what to do based on what seems to work rather than on what God asks us to do. What works isn't a reliable guide for what's right'.

Hamilton, 'With pragmatism, we make decisions based on what we think will work out even though we don't know enough to predict how it will actually turn out. With theological pragmatism, we make decisions guided by the One who does know what works and how it will turn out'.

So, where does this land for us?

- We're not going to be the purely principled guys
- But neither are we going to be the pure pragmatism guys
- We're going to be the principled pragmatics

And so,

We'll pray:

And we'll plan:

And we'll be practical:

But we'll have principles: