

'Basic Principles in Living for God'

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Ten Principles.....

#1) Look to God, not Man.

#2) Get to know God.

#3) Determine to Love him with all your Heart.

#4) Learn to Live in Obedience.

#5) Doing what you know is Right must take pre-eminence.

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#6) Find out who you are to him.

#7) True Love wants to Please the one they Love.

#8) Learn “TO DO” from who you are.

#9) Ask him to show you what you are running toward.

> Get a glimpse of your reward.

#10) Settle your commitment for the rest of your life.

#1) Look to God, not Man.

**Live your life for what he asks,
desires, thinks, leads,...**

> Not what man.....

> Church can be a group thing.

**(Millennials tend to live for
the group thing)**

**(Relationships are forged -
individually)**

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

**[5] Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; [6] In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.**

Galatians 1:10 (NIV)

[10] Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)

[23] Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, [24] since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

**“Just Be - who He wants you
to Be”**

#2) Get to know God.

Philippians 3:7-11 (NIV)

[7] But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. [8] What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ,

**[9] and be found in him,
not having a righteousness of my own that comes
from the law, but that which is through faith in
Christ—the righteousness that comes from God
and is by faith. [10] I want to know Christ and the
power of his resurrection and the
fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming
like him in his death, [11] and so, somehow, to
attain to the resurrection from the dead.**

1 Kings 19:11-13 (NIV)

[11] The LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. [12] After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. [13] When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

Zephaniah 3:17 (NKJV)

[17] The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”

Lamentations 3:25-28 (NIV)

[25] The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; [26] it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. [27] It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young. [28] Let him sit alone in silence, for the LORD has laid it on him.

#3) Determine to Love him with all your Heart.

Mark 12:29-31 (NKJV)

[29] Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. [30] ‘And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment.

[31] “And the second, like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

We actually Learn to Love.

- The Love of God is shed abroad in our hearts, and**
- We learn how to operate in it.**
 - > Preferring God above ourselves.**
 - > Preferring each other like ourselves.**

1 John 2:3-5 (NKJV)

[3] Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. [4] He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. [5] But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

1 John 4:12 (NKJV)

[12] No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

In it's most basic form:

- > Love is giving yourself over to another**
- > Submission / Obedience**

John 14:15 (NIV)

**[15] “If you love me, you will
obey what I command.”**

Matthew 6:19-21 (NKJV)

[19] “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

[20] “but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. [21] “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:31-33 (NKJV)

[31] “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ [32] “For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. [33] “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.””

#4) Learn to Live in Obedience.

- > Obedience is the evidence that we Love.**
- > Many Scriptures under Point #8.**

John 14:15 (NKJV)

**[15] “If you love Me, keep My
commandments.”**

**#5) Doing what you know is Right
must take pre-eminence.**

Romans 13:13-14 (NIV)

[13] Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. [14] Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

1 John 2:29 (NIV)

**[29] If you know that he is
righteous, you know that everyone
who does what is right has been
born of him.**

[7] Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. [8] He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

[[9] No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. [10] This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

#6) Find out who you are to him.

**We do need to come to the
understanding of:**

> Who am I to God?

> Out of it will flow:

- True Love.

- True Covenant Exchange.

**- True Obedience that flows from
the heart, not the head.
(Performance)**

Jeremiah 1:4-5 (NIV)

[4] The word of the LORD came to me, saying, [5] “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart.....”

Psalms 139:13-16 (NIV)

[13] For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. [14] I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. [15] My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, [16] your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

The terms used to describe him and his posturing toward us - once we understand them - tell us who we are to him.

- **Agape. (He is moved toward us in Agape Love)**
- **Our Father.**
- **Not Orphans, (Sent his Spirit....) - but Sons.**
- **Joint Heirs with Jesus.**
- **Redeemed.**
- **Reconciled.**
- **Restored.**
- **Never will leave or forsake us.**
- **Etc.**

**#7) True Love wants to Please
the one they Love.
(it becomes a motivation for life)**

1 Corinthians 7:32-35 (NIV)

[32] I would like you to be free from concern.

An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs—how he can please

the Lord. [33] But a married man is

concerned about the affairs

of this world—how he can please his wife—

[34] and his interests are divided. An

unmarried woman or virgin is

concerned about the Lord's affairs:

Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband. [35] I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.

Romans 8:8 (NIV)

[8] Those controlled by the sinful nature
cannot please God.

Romans 12:1 (NIV)

[1] Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God

—this is your spiritual act of worship.

2 Corinthians 5:9 (NIV)

[9] So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

Colossians 1:10 (NIV)

[10] And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

[6] And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

- #8) Learn “TO DO” from who you are.**
- > What we do reveals who we are.**
 - > Who we are is seen in what we do.**

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

[10] For we are God's workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus to
do good works, which God prepared in
advance for us to do.

James 1:21-25 (NKJV)

[21] Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. [22] But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. [23] For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;

[24] for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. [25] But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

[16] In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

2 Corinthians 8:21 (NIV)

[21] For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of men.

Titus 2:7 (NIV)

**[7] In everything set them an example by doing what is good.
In your teaching show integrity,
seriousness**

Titus 2:14 (NIV)

[14] who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Titus 3:1 (NIV)

[1] Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good,

Titus 3:8 (NIV)

[8] This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

Titus 3:14 (NIV)

[14] Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order that they may provide for daily necessities and not live unproductive lives.

1 Peter 2:12 (NIV)

[12] Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

1 Peter 2:15 (NIV)

[15] For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men.

1 Peter 3:13 (NIV)

**[13] Who is going to harm you if
you are eager to do good?**

- **We are supposed to do good.
The issue is: where does
that Doing comes from.**

**- It is to come from who we are.
But until we become who
we're supposed to be, discipline
yourself and do what's right as a
step of faith toward becoming
who you are to be.**

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

[21] God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

1 Corinthians 15:34 (NKJV)

**[34] Awake to righteousness,
and do not sin; for some do not
have the knowledge of God. I
speak this to your shame.**

Romans 6:12-13 (NIV)

[12] Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

[13] Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

Romans 6:18-19 (NIV)

[18] You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. [19] I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. **Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness.**

1 John 1:6 (NIV)

**[6] If we claim to have fellowship
with him yet walk in the
darkness, we lie and do not live
by the truth.**

1 John 2:1,3-6 (NIV)

[1] My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. [3] We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. [4] The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. [5] But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: [6] Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

1 John 2:9 (NIV)

[9] Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness.

1 John 3:2-3 (NIV)

[2] Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. [3] Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

1 John 3:6-10 (NIV)

[6] No one who lives in him keeps on sinning.

No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

[7] Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is

righteous, just as he is righteous. [8] He

who does what is sinful is of the devil,

1 John 3:6-10 (NIV)

because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. [9]

No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.

1 John 3:6-10 (NIV)

[10] This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

1 John 3:18 (NIV)

[18] Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

1 John 4:5-6 (NIV)

[5] They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. [6] We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

1 John 4:20-21 (NIV)

[20] If anyone says, “I love God,” yet hates his brother, he is a liar.

1 John 5:2-3 (NIV)

[2] This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. [3] This is love for God: to obey his commands.

1 John 5:18 (NIV)

[18] We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin....

That's why our eternal rewards are based on what we "Do".

- > What we do reveals who we are.**
- > Who we are is seen in what we do.**

Matthew 16:27 (KJV)

[27] For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

1 Corinthians 3:12-15 (KJV)

[12] Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

[13] Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. [14] If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. [15] If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (KJV)

[10] For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

1 Peter 1:17 (KJV)

[17] And if ye call on the Father,
who without respect of
persons judgeth according to every
man's work, pass the time
of your sojourning here in fear:

Revelation 22:12 (NIV)

**[12] “Behold, I am coming soon!
My reward is with me, and I
will give to everyone according
to what he has done.”**

#9) Ask him to show you what you are running toward.

> Get a glimpse of your reward.

1 Corinthians 2:9-14 (NIV)

[9] However, as it is written: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him” — [10] but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

1 Corinthians 2:9-14 (NIV)

[11] For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. [12] We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

1 Corinthians 2:9-14 (NIV)

[13] This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. [14] The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

John 14:2-3 (NKJV)

[2] “In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. [3] “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

#10) Settle your commitment for the rest of your life.

***I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.***

***2. Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.***

***3. My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;
My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus,
My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus;
No turning back, No turning back.***

***4. The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.***

Scriptures on what Jesus said it takes to be a Follower:

- Matthew 10:32-39; 19:16-30***
- Luke 9:23-26; 12:35-53***

***Scriptures on what it takes to be
a disciple:***

- Luke 14:16-35