

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU BRING

# GOD'S PRINCIPLES

INTO EVERYDAY LIFE?

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#### INTRODUCTION

#### 'PRINCIPLE' IS AN ENDURING TRUTH, A LAW, A RULE YOU CAN ADOPT TO GUIDE YOU IN MAKING DECISIONS.



A Principle therefore is something that remains true at all times and for all people. Like God, His Principles never change.

Therefore, understanding the Principles of God's Kingdom is of utmost importance if we desire to experience and grow in the blessings and benefits provided for us within His Kingdom.

## HAVE YOU HEARD WHAT JESUS SAID?

MATTHEW 7:24-27 ESV

#### BUILD YOUR HOUSE ON THE ROCK

24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock, 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock, 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

Notice that the rain fell, the floods came and the winds blew on both the foolish and the wise man.

So we can be sure that no-one is exempt from the trials, disappointments and hurts of this life.

When we compare our lives to building a house, we will understand that the foundation on which we build is very important.



Something every human desires and craves for is security. We each want the confidence that we will have enough or that feeling of being in control. But yet, this life seems to be so unpredictable that many never find that sense of security, stability or peace of mind.

- PHYSICAL HEALTH
- MENTAL HEALTH
- RELATIONSHIPS
- FINANCES
- SPIRITUAL HEALTH

## THESE ARE THE FIVE CORE AREAS OF EVERY HUMAN BEING

If we are lacking in any one of these areas we will be discontented and miserable, unfilled and empty.

No matter how much we try to fill one area by ignoring another – there will always be something missing.

True Wealth is when we can say that in each of these five areas we are growing and are healthy.



### WE ARE EACH QUITE SIMPLY A PRODUCT OF OUR ENVIRONMENT.

Every life is determined by the decisions and choices we make each day. Yet this is a fundamental truth that is greatly ignored.

Mainly because we have been taught to blame others, to blame the government, to blame the devil, to blame everything accept ourselves.

Although it is not really a case of who's to BLAME, it is more a case of 'I did not KNOW any better'.

You see, until you hear the TRUTH – you cannot know. BUT when we hear the truth, we are left without any excuse. Yet it is a mystery that we each already know the truth deep inside our heart.

If we want things to change – we must first change our core belief system.

The Principles of God's Kingdom are SOLID – they are truths that apply to everyone – without exception.

#### We could call them 'TRUE TRUTHS'.

God's Principles are designed for our good, to create confidence and security which enables growth.

When we begin to build our lives on His Principles, they are like a solid ROCK under our feet, or a sure footing, an unmovable foundation.



These 'TRUE TRUTHS' become like road signs, on our path, that help us to make better daily choices and decisions.

When we make better daily choices our lives will change for the better.

The most important thing to realise is that the Born Again Spirit naturally wants to follow God's Principles, these true truths, while our soul (our will, mind and emotions) continually craves what feels good to us in the moment, or to follow the most familiar path, even though we know it will lead us into more trouble and pain.

## This conflict causes nothing but disharmony in our lives.

Dis-harmony leads to dissatisfaction and feelings of helplessness and hopelessness, tiredness and exhaustion, and is the root to many sicknesses and diseases.

When we are **NOT** building upon these true truths we will be continually trying to build our lives on shifting sand.



This is hard work with very little or no reward. Remember no matter how beautiful our sand castle may be - the rain, the storm and the wind are coming.

The aim is to have that Solid Foundation on which we can build with confidence.

Instead of being stuck in the quick sand of our past, or the shifting sands of our own weaknesses – we will have a stable and solid foundation.

Each principle is built upon another, they are not isolated from each other, so therefore become like stepping stones under our feet.

Just like building a house, we cannot fit the windows and doors or put the roof on until the building is first secure. Block upon block, each one skilfully fitted and secured into place.

So God's Word is line upon line and precept upon precept. This is how real growth is established in our lives.

Many know a little about God's promises, a little about his grace – a little here and a little there, but mainly the little knowledge they have remains disjointed.

It would be like, having the planning permission to build a house, having the site ready, gathering up some wood, plaster, pipes and electrical wires – BUT – these things although useful in the right place, will be of NO use unless you have first built the house upon a solid foundation.

We are only truly TRANSFORMED when we allow the Holy Spirit to open these true truths up to us, and allow our minds to be renewed, in the Light of who God is.

Because our core beliefs were created when we were very young they are very deep and are so intertwined into our personality and thought processes it can be very difficult to recognise or to change.

I personally belief that it is virtually impossible to change your core beliefs without help.

## The only thing that really changes our core belief is 'EXPERIENCE'.

For example, a very hurtful experience will destroy any innocence or trust and replace it with 'You can't trust anyone'. YET just one encounter with Jesus, and His Holy Spirit will spark HOPE and TRUST – you didn't know were possible.

The deep workings of our thought processes are automatic, and therefore can feel too overwhelming for us to try to change by ourselves.

The Truth is that God's Principles are a reflection of who He is and when we reject his Principles we are really rejecting him!



God is good – and his Principles, his true truths are safe and good boundaries – **YET** they are **NOT** LIMITATIONS. The Wrong beliefs create the limitations, which hinder and stop our growth. Yet the right boundaries allow growth in safety.

The most important reason to seek to know God and His Principles in our lives, is that we will be able to grow, to move forward having a solid footing with this one purpose – so that we can experience this life to the fullness, the abundant life God has purposed for each one of us.

If we remain ignorant of His Principles, we will remain in a life of 'self-destruction'.

Without his Principles we will continue to make the wrong choices and decisions.

KNOWING GOD and HIS PRINCIPLES therefore change everything about everyday life.

His Truth living in us is what creates JOY unspeakable and FULL of Glory.

Psalm 40:2
He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay,
And He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm.

Proverbs 3:23
Then you will walk in your way securely
And your foot will not stumble.



### Chapter 2

## WHAT ARE THE PRINCIPLES OF GOD'S KINGDOM?

The Truth is that God's Principles are a reflection of who He is and when we reject his Principles we are really rejecting him.

John 17:3

This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

The greatest pursuit in our lives is to know Father God, not in a religious way but in a profound and personal relationship through his Son Jesus.

Many consider the Bible to be a Religious Book or a History Book and although it contains both religion and history it is so much more. If read with the natural mind and understanding, it will seem to be full of confusion and contradiction. But in truth it is 'mans' explanations that cause the contradiction.

The Bible is full of Promises, Prophecies and Patterns. It reveals the heart of the Father, the God of Creation, and his love for his creation. It also reveals the wicked and rebellious heart of mankind. Then, finally it reveals the Plan of Redemption, through Jesus Christ God's Son.

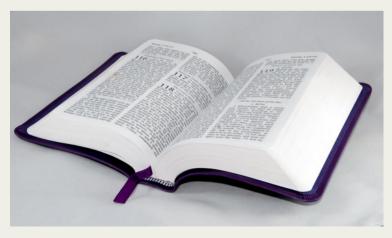
One morning in my prayer time, I heard "Audrey, when you read your Bible, look for what I said, see man's response and how that played out and you will begin to understand my ways".

I could see in every account recorded, there was a clear instruction from God, but man did not always follow that instruction. The same rebellious and short sighted problem remains in human nature today; we want to do things our own way. Then blame God when it doesn't work out the way we wanted it to.

## So how you read the Bible is very important!

If you are ready to understand and to know God, you will have to be willing to read the Bible, not out of duty, saying something like I will read 2 chapters each day. No, it must become personal.

## We open the Bible to read – but it is the Holy Spirit that opens the Bible to us.



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If we are reading with preconceived ideas of who God is, we will miss him altogether.

If we desire to know him, he will reveal himself to us.

The Principles of God are really a reflection of each dimension of God's Character.

So we can know him, by knowing his principles.

God is Spirit, He never changes and so his principles are also spiritual and never changing.

The desire to know God's Principles must therefore be from the point of view of relationship and intimacy with him.

Rather than a way to manifest blessings and somehow manipulate the universe into giving us what we want. God is not a genie in a bottle, and he does not operate with a magic wand.

There is no spiritual catalogue that we can order whatever we want and expect it to be delivered the next day.

The Principles of God's Kingdom, bring order and peace into our lives, with one sole purpose. Which is to become what God has planned and purposed for us to become and therefore achieve what he has planned and purposed for us to achieve.

We have been sent to this earth with a divine purpose, and we have a limited amount of time to accomplish that purpose.

There is an urgency in which we ought to pursue the knowledge of God as our Father, and our King.

Jesus, said "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you". There is divine provision, when we are filled with divine vision and purpose.

There is blessing when we are walking in the path He has designed for us to walk in.

The longer we continue on the wrong path, the further we get from our true purpose, and thus the more frustrated we become with this life.

We can pursue money, fame, houses and material possessions but they will never fulfil the emptiness in our souls.

## We were designed on purpose with purpose.



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What we must realise about the Principles of God is that they are laws that cannot be broken, only violated.

There are many rules and laws in this world, and some might even say that rules are made to be broken. But in God's Kingdom, his LAW, and his WORD endures forever.



There are Natural Laws that govern this physical world. For example, the Law of Gravity. This law cannot be broken only respected or violated.

It doesn't matter who will jump of a cliff, they will all fall to the ground.

BUT yet an aeroplane can fly because of the knowledge and understanding of the greater Laws of Speed and Lift.

Men have studied these laws, and have learned to use them for both good and evil.

But the thing I want you to realise is that each Law or Principle, has the power to work built into it. This also means that it has the consequence of what will happen if violated built into it.

Once we understand these things, we begin to understand that, life is not unpredictable but that it is actually very predictable. Each day we are programming our future by the decisions and choices we make.

The words we continually speak and the thoughts that dominate our minds are determining our future.

Many will understand this on a natural way, for example, we know how to budget. We know how to plan ahead for a holiday or event.

But on a deeper level, many still have not understood that whatever I sow or plant, that is what I will reap.

But you are **NOT** the only one sowing into your life!



### This is what Jesus taught us:-

Matthew 13:25-30 NLT 25 But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away. 26 When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew.

27 "The farmer's workers went to him and said, 'Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds! Where did they come from?'

28 "An enemy has done this!' the farmer exclaimed. 'Should we pull out the weeds?' they asked.

29 "No,' he replied, 'you'll uproot the wheat if you do. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn."

We understand that the weeds grow in our gardens, even though we didn't plant them. BUT can you begin to recognise that in your life, there are many influences and voices speaking?

No matter how hard we try to keep our lives clean and free from trouble, we will never succeed.

We must go higher, to Superior Spiritual Intelligence. We must gain insight to the Wisdom that is from above.

## God is wisdom and his Principles reveal his wisdom to us.

Establishing his principles in our lives strengthens us and empowers us to know him and to walk with him.

Proverbs 9:10
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

### Chapter 3

#### THE PRINCIPLE OF LOVE

Jesus said in Mark 12:30-31 NIV 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

These two laws are the foundation of every Principle of God's Kingdom.

Remember, that the Principles of God are not isolated from each other but they are like stepping stones. God's Truths are built line upon line and precept upon precept.

The Love of God must be our motive for everything we do. This must be the foundation that we build upon.

Notice that I said 'The Love **OF** God". This is the revelation that must be the foundation of our lives.

It is not our Love **for** God that we build on – BUT it is HIS PERFECT LOVE working in and through us.

Remember how the Principle is a reflection of God's Character?

God is love, therefore his Kingdom is founded on love!



#### **God Is Love**

1 John 4:7-12 ESV

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. As we bathe in this perfect love of God for us, we will carry the fragrance of his love, not only to love him but to love others.

This principle of Love will become the standard and the foundation that will determine our daily choices and decisions.

For the purpose of study we can break each Principle down into three dimensions in order to gain deeper insight and revelation.

- 1. What is the Principle?
- 2. What is our reaction and response to the Principle?
- 3. How is the Principle violated?

### 1. What is the Principle?

The Principle of Love reflects God's Love.

Remember the Principle reflects who God is.

This is not simply God's part in the Principle but this is who he is.

His amazing Grace flows from his love. The Plan of Salvation and the purposes for our individual lives flow from this one truth.

### God IS love.



# 2. What is our reaction and response to the Principle?

How will we respond to this perfect love?

Will we reject it or receive it?

Will we allow His love to overflow as worship to God and as love for others?

Will we let this truth be established in our lives?

Have you established this thought in your heart:-

"Just because God loves me, with an everlasting love, I can love others also with that same love"?



### 3. How is this principle violated?

This principle is violated when we remain focused on ourselves instead of seeking to love, serve and bless others.

After receiving such acceptance and love from God, how selfish it is to keep it to ourselves!

This Principle of Love is not for our benefit alone, just so that we can be accepted and forgiven. But ultimately God desires that we become one with him.

With this one purpose that, we will become the expression or reflection of his Nature to others.

Something that many Christians don't understand, is that we serve God by serving those he loves. We also love him by loving those he loves.

## This is the greatest law of all. This is the Kingdom Message.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, who came into this world and willingly laid down his life to suffer and die in payment for the penalty of our sin.

This message of the Kingdom is therefore much more than an escape from hell's fire. This message of the Kingdom is about becoming one with our Heavenly Father, through accepting Jesus Christ His Son and yielding to His Holy Spirit.

This Principle of Love must be the foundation of every aspect of our lives.

### **Chapter 4**

### THE PRINCIPLE OF MERCY

Titus 3 v 5 AMP
He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we have done, but because of His own compassion and mercy, by the cleansing of the new birth (spiritual transformation, regeneration) and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

The Principle of Mercy is a reflection of God's Mercy.

What is Mercy?

Mercy means - a kind or forgiving attitude towards somebody that you have the power to harm or right to punish.

Many people waste much time over whether they are worthy of God's love or not. They don't understand that God has given us his MERCY.

### We can never deserve his love, yet he has chosen to love us.

God loves us simply because He loves us!

He is the judge of all and he is a just God. He has both the power and the right to punish us for our sin. But instead, he has chosen to offer us mercy.

Have you received His Mercy?



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So let's look into this Principle using our 3 steps.

### 1. What is the Principle?

The Principle of Mercy. Again, this principle reflects a dimension of God's character – God is Merciful. The Bible declares many times that God is gracious and slow to anger, he is full of mercy and love.

Many have been given a distorted image of God, one of being harsh, angry and full of wrath. But Jesus came to reveal the TRUE IMAGE of the Father. As we look to Jesus, not to religious and traditional views, we will see nothing but MERCY and GRACE.

God is a Just God, but his Justice was met with MERCY at Calvary. We are not pardoned from our sin, just because God said so, we are pardoned only because JESUS paid the Price. He alone is the Redeemer. His sacrifice fully satisfied God's Wrath and Justice, as the Blood of Jesus was poured out on the mercy seat for us.

# 2. What is our reaction and response to the Principle?

As we have received his mercy and kindness, so we must also give expression to his mercy through our lives by being willing to forgive others and showing compassion to others regardless if they deserve it or not.

Again, this is **HIS** mercy flowing through us.

As we realise that we are forgiven we will dare not fail to show mercy to others.

Knowing that even though Grace and Mercy were offered as FREE gifts to us - they are NOT FREE, they cost Jesus everything,

#### 3. How do we violate this principle?

We violate this Principle of Mercy when we refuse to forgive others and choose to hold onto offenses and hurt.

This is directly connected to the Principle of Love. It is the Love of God working in our hearts that enables us to grow in his mercy and grace.

As we grow in the knowledge of God's Kingdom we will grow in the understanding of what He has done for us, and that revelation will find expression in and through our lives to others as we seek to be like him.

As he has been merciful to us we will seek to be merciful to others. Take time to meditate on this portion of scripture.

#### Romans 5 NLT - Faith Brings Joy

5 Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. 2 Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.

3 We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. 4 And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. 5 And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

6 When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.

7 Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. 8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. 9 And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. 10 For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son.

11 So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

## Chapter 5

#### THE PRINCIPLE OF FAITH

1 Corinthians 1:9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Principle of Faith reflects God as a Faithful God who remains true forever.

2 Timothy 2:13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

God is trustworthy and it is impossible for him to lie. Therefore, we can put our full trust and faith in him. Faith is believing and acting on what God has said, in other words Faith is acting on the known will of God. Faith is obedience to the faithfulness of God. Acting with confidence knowing that God is faithful to his word.

Blind faith is nothing more than wishful thinking or presumption. Hoping that God will come through for you. But FAITH is not blind. Faith acts on the KNOWN will of God revealed to us.

His Word is Light unto our path and a lamp unto our feet.



#### 1. What is the Principle?

The Principle of Faith is a reflection of God's Faithfulness.

Before we can claim God's promises we must first understand and believe that he is both faithful and able to keep his word.

# Being fully persuaded that it is impossible for God to lie.

Hebrews 6 v 18 so that by two unchangeable things [His promise and His oath] in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled [to Him] for refuge would have strong encouragement and indwelling strength to hold tightly to the hope set before us.

Remember God is NOT a man and he cannot lie, this does not mean that He will not lie, it simply means He CANNOT lie.

# 2. What is our reaction and response to the Principle?

To be established in this Principle of Faith, is more than just believing that God is good and that he is able to do mighty things. But it is knowing him on such a level that we are willing to trust him with every detail of our lives.

There is much talk about faith to do exploits and miracles, and many seek after that power, but first we must fix our hearts to TRUST him.

This Principle of Faith is building our lives in submission and obedience, until we become trustworthy (to have His nature working in our hearts) to carry his power to others.

Knowing it is impossible for God to lie – have you decided that you will NOT call him a liar?

### 3. How do we violate the Principle?

The way we violate this principle of Faith is by walking by how we feel, what we see around us, and how we think things should be.

When we try to reason with God, and find our own solutions. In other words when we fail to recognise him in all our ways and lean on our own understanding, or trusting or fearing men rather than God.



For as long as I can remember my Dad, has had this saying "Circumstances don't change the Word of God – But God's Word changes circumstances".

# That statement really sums up this Principle of Faith.

Don't pray for more faith, seek to know your God more.

The more you know him, the more you can trust him. The more you can trust him, the more faith will grow in your life. The more your faith grows the more like Him you will become.

Daniel 11 v 32 But the people who do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

## **Chapter 6**

#### THE PRINCIPLE OF AUTHORITY

Psalm 24:1-2 KJV The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

# There is a major difference between Authority and Control.

The Kingdom of God is established upon Authority, because God is Lord, the owner of everything. He alone is God of Creation.

Authority is the Legal Right to govern.

The Principle of Authority reflects God as Lord of all.

The kingdom of darkness operates with control, which is NOT the legal right to govern, but operates through manipulation, domination and intimidation.

Through fear and deception, the kingdom of darkness seeks to distract and control our lives.

I pray that as we look into this Principle your understanding will be open.

#### 1. What is the Principle?

The Principle of Authority is a reflection of God's Ownership and Lordship over all creation.

He is the Lord Most High and therefore has no rival or equal. He was before creation and will be Lord for all eternity.

Therefore, HIS WORD is the ONLY AUTHORITY.

# 2. What is our response and reaction to the Principle?

As we establish this Principle of Authority in our lives, we will be building upon the knowledge of God as our Lord and King.

This knowledge will create honour in our hearts towards God as well as those he has placed in leadership.

Once Honour is established in our hearts it will produce favour.

In order to come under Authority we must first submit to that Authority.



## 3. How do we violate the principle?

When we fail to recognise God's Authority, we violate this principle by operating through independent, disobedient and rebellious attitudes.

These attitudes will cause us to fall prey to the control of fear. While Authority brings order to our lives, the lack of proper authority creates chaos.

Submission is perceived as being weak in this world, but in reality, you must submit to something.

There is no escape from the influence of this world – only in submitting to the higher Authority of God's Kingdom and His Truths. Psalm 47:2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared, A great King over all the earth.

Revelation 5:13

And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honour and glory and dominion forever and ever."

## **Chapter 7**

#### THE PRINCIPLE OF INCREASE

The Principle of Increase is a reflection of God's Grace.

There are many dimensions to God's Grace that can be applied to many areas of our lives. So what is GRACE:-

- Grace is God's unmerited favour, showered on those who can not deserve or earn it.
- Grace is what inclines God to give free and undeserved gifts to sinners.
- Grace is the love of God shown to the unlovely, the peace of God given to the restless, and unmerited favour.

Can you see that Grace is given to us?

God has poured out his grace and love upon all who will receive it.

Another way to describe Grace in the life of a believer is 'Divine Assistance'. This divine assistance is unlimited, because God's Grace is unlimited.

### 1. What is the Principle?

The Principle of Increase is a reflection of God's Amazing Grace. He GAVE his Son, who GAVE his life for us.

God loves to bless his children. He did not count the cost of salvation as too high, even knowing that many would not receive his Son, he did not withhold anything.

Wherever there is sin, even in abundance God's Grace is greater.

We cannot measure God's Grace because it keeps on giving.

# 2. What is our response and reaction to the Principle?

Freely you have received so freely give.

When this principle of Increase is established in our lives, we will be generous and willing to give of ourselves, our time and our resources. We will be GIVERS just like our Father God.

This Principle is greatly misunderstood.

Many have made 'Increase' about material possessions and money. But as we are becoming more and more GRACIOUS like our Father, we will be looking for ways to bless others as God has blessed us.

This Principle is directly tied to the Principle of Authority, because in knowing that God owns everything we will live as good stewards of everything He has entrusted to us.

### 3. How can we violate the Principle?

Having an attitude of 'THAT'S MINE' or selfishness will violate this Principle of Increase.

In trying to keep everything for ourselves, we actually end up losing out. We cut the flow of God's Grace in our lives as we cut of the flowing or giving out to others.

#### We can never out give God!

As we grow in the knowledge of God, GRACE and PEACE will be multiplied to us.



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I remember hearing a statement many years ago, and it took me some time to come to understand it, but it is very true:-

"If you want to keep it then give it away!"

This principle can be applied to every area of our lives. Whatever God has blessed you with – is not really for you – it is for you to bless someone else.

But in being a blessing to others, God's Grace will be increasing upon you.

WE CANNOT LOSE WITH GOD'S PRINCIPLES

Proverbs 11:24
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There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the more, And there is one who withholds what is justly due, and yet it results only in want.

## **Chapter 8**

#### THE PRINCIPLE OF POWER

The Principle of Power reflects God as Almighty.

Almighty means having complete and unlimited power.

Revelation 1:8
"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

#### 1. What is the Principle?

The Principle of Power reflects God as Almighty.

God alone is Almighty – there may be many mighty and strong – BUT – God is ALL-mighty. That means that ALL power belongs to him.

Psalm 62:11 NKJV God has spoken once, Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God.

Matthew 28:18 KJV And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Remember that ALL simply means ALL.

# 2. What is our response and reaction to the Principle?

The Principle of Power in our lives is therefore not simply to do miracles or great exploits but its true purpose is to reveal God as the Almighty One. To declare the Greatness of our God, and to magnify the All Powerful Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Every sign and wonder is to point to Jesus Christ and to exalt God alone. Through yielding to the Spirit of God in our hearts and lives, we are empowered to bring glory to our Father.

So our response to this Principle will be, the growing knowledge that we can do nothing without him.

#### 3. How can we violate the Principle?

Many want to be anointed but misunderstand the anointing as power.

To be anointed is to be set apart by God for His plan and purpose.

Therefore we violate this Principle by depending upon anything or anyone other than the Holy Spirit of God and His power working in and through us.

Jesus told us that we would receive power AFTER the Holy Spirit has come upon us and that power, would make us witnesses of Jesus.

### All power always belongs to God.

We are chosen vessels, made clean by Jesus Christ and filled with the Spirit of God.

#### Acts 8 v 18-20 Simon the Sorcerer

...18When Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money. 19 "Give me this power as well," he said, "so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." 20But Peter replied, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money!...

We cannot buy or earn the power of God.

God alone must get all the glory.

## Chapter 9

#### THE PRINCIPLE OF UNITY

Unity is not just coming together for a common purpose, but it is a union creating ONENESS.

The Principle of Unity is a reflection of the Godhead – The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit.

Many struggle with this concept of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Today we are looking at the Principle of Unity, not doctrines or religious beliefs.

No matter what your view of the Godhead is – there is one thing we can all agree upon – THAT there is total unity between The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.

This Unity – is another pillar of God's Kingdom.

### 1. What is the Principle?

The Principle of Unity is a reflection of the Godhead.

John 5:19

Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

John 16v13

But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth [full and complete truth]. For He will not speak on His own initiative, but He will speak whatever He hears [from the Father—the message regarding the Son], and He will disclose to you what is to come [in the future].

There is no division between the Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.

# 2. What is our response or reaction to the Principle?

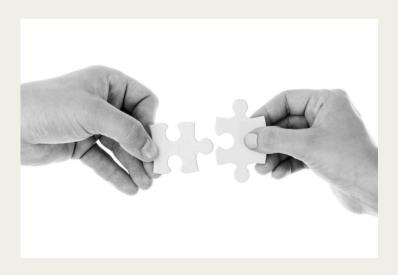
In order for this Principle to be established in our lives, we must seek to enter this 'relationship' with the Father, and to live our lives in willingness to do his will.

We will then become aware that we are each a part of his church, a member of his body, and that there can be nothing or no-one stand between our soul and our Saviour. As a result, we will honour God by honouring each other. We serve God by serving each other. We love God by loving each other.

John 13:35 KJV 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. Again we must realise that this UNITY is not just a coming together and overlooking our differences – for a common purpose. This UNITY is based on the UNITY in the Godhead. The very character of God.

Remember this PRINCIPLE is SPIRITUAL and this UNITY is therefore SPIRITUAL.

We will not be simply satisfied to agree with God but we will be seeking to stay in alignment with him, and with his will, his heart and his plans, not for a common purpose among men but for the eternal purpose of His Kingdom.



### 3. How can we violate the Principle?

Division wherever it is allowed, weakens the witness of the church and our personal testimony.

Division, strife, argument and debate are ALL a waste of time.

We violate the Principle of Unity by rejecting God's Greater Kingdom Purpose.

This Principle of Unity is about staying in alignment with the heart of Father God. It does not stand alone, but it is a pillar that stands parallel with each Principle we have looked at so far.

Unity is God's Nature, his very character, we cannot have his MERCY without his LOVE – we cannot have his POWER without his AUTHORITY – and we cannot have a true relationship separated from HIS UNITY.

1 Corinthians 1:10

Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Romans 16:17

Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them.

It can be easy to 'eye' out those who cause division, but make up your mind to love and to honour God and His people.

Don't be the one who causes division!

#### **CONCLUSION**

These 7 Principles of God are like the pillars of the foundation of God's Kingdom.

Each one is connected with the other. Each one is reflecting God's Glory – all that he is and all that he has.

Without these pillars, we will find ourselves drifting and missing out on many blessings promised to us.

As these 7 Principles are established in a believer's heart, they will begin to grow and bear much fruit. They will be able to experience peace with God, others and within themselves. Finding true contentment and purpose.

Their hearts will be filled with Joy overflowing and radiant which brings glory to God.

Walking and living with thankfulness and worship unto God.

Speaking about God's Glory and talking about His power, with the divine purpose of making known to their generation His mighty deeds and works of God and displaying the Glorious Majesty of God's Kingdom.

God's Kingdom is Eternal. His Kingdom is NOT of this world; it is not part of creation – IT IS built on who God IS.

As we seek to know God, we will encounter him through understanding and discovering these Principles.

These 7 Principles are the foundation on which we build. Each Principle grows and expands to different areas and aspects of this Spiritual Life. There are many more dimensions to each of these Principles. Each one like a tree branching out, bearing different type of fruit.

The fruit that we produce will always be determined from the root system.

Have you set your heart to discover more about God's Amazing Kingdom? Are you seeking to find your place in His Kingdom? Will you allow your life to be rooted in his Amazing Love and Grace?

Colossians 2:7-9 NLV

7 Have your roots planted deep in Christ. Grow in Him. Get your strength from Him. Let Him make you strong in the faith as you have been taught. Your life should be full of thanks to Him. 8 Be careful that no one changes your mind and faith by much learning and big sounding ideas. Those things are what men dream up. They are always trying to make new religions. These leave out Christ. 9 For Christ is not only God-like, He is God in human flesh.

### I leave you with these words:-

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in mercy. He is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works. All thy works shall praise you O Lord and your loving ones shall bless you. They shall speak of your glory and talk of your power, to make known to the sons of men your mighty deeds and the glorious majesty of your kingdom. Your Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and your dominion endures throughout all generations. (from Psalm 145)



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