

Kingdom's Principles

Pleasant thing is to have principles that you can follow in your life. Principles are few but are essential for us to walk in a clear direction. God's Word in the Bible teaches us such principles and directs us in the way of righteousness.

God speaks to us through His Word. God loves us and He showed His love for us when He sent His One and Only Son Jesus Christ to redeem us from sin and release us from the power of the devil. God appeared in flesh when He sent His Son the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross and His blood was shed for the forgiveness of our sins. His death on the cross for our sins and His resurrection from the dead on the third day brought eternal life to us and to everyone who believe in Him and follow His Word, ***“16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.” (John 3:16-17 KJV)***

The Lord Jesus Christ gave us His Word that teaches us God's kingdom principles. In Matthew ***chapter 18*** Jesus had applied principles to His church to follow; for His church is precious to Him because He purchased with His own blood. Those who respond to His call and leave the world they will be part of His church that He planted on earth. Therefore the Word of Jesus that we read in the Bible is for His church to follow. The Word of God and the Holy Spirit that God gave us would bring the church to the required level of purity and holiness and to be ready for the second coming of Jesus; that when He will come He would found us prepared, radiant without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, to take us to spend eternity with Him. In this message we will discuss few important principles from the Bible and as the following:

1. Be like little children: “1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? 2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, 3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.” (Matthew 18:1-5 KJV) To be like little child is to behave and speak like a child. What He means Jesus here is to have a heart like a child in your motives and intentions. Little children they will believe their parents in what they say to them. They have full trust and faith in their parents. ***The same to those who follow Christ they need to trust Him and obey His Word. They ought to be genuine in faith and believe in what the Word of God declares. “21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.” (James 1:21 KJV)***

Little children they are obedient and submissive to their parents; even when the parents discipline the little children they will still love their parents and go back to them and obey them. When parents spank the child for a wrongdoing he has done he will cry first because of the pain, but later on he will come and hug his parents. ***The same for us who follow God, for certain wrong doings we will receive discipline***

from God, but that discipline would ultimately bring us near to God. Little children they don't have malice or wickedness to harm or to plot evil. The same for those who believe in Christ Jesus they should not use politics or manipulations in their walk and service unto God. Therefore for you to be like a child is to be humble with a pure heart and clean hands. There shall be no evil thoughts or politics in your service to God. This is what the Word of God teaches us, “10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.” (1 Peter 4:10-11 KJV)

2. Don't sin and do not let others sin because of your wrongdoings: “6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. 7 Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! 8 Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. 9 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.” (Matthew 18:6-9 KJV) ***We who believe and follow Christ we ought not to live in sin, we need to repent from all our sins, and in case we sin we need quickly repent, come back to God and commit ourselves not to do that particular sin again. Why? Because we are ought to be a good example to others especially to the new believers in Christ. Because the new believers are like little children they will look to those who are ahead of them in the Lord and they will imitate their actions, attitudes and behaviors. Exactly like little children imitating their parents in the way they speak, dress, think and act.***

The Lord Jesus Christ mentioned in ***Matthew 18***, three things that we may use to sin against God.

- A. Eye:*** By looking lustfully to men or women or watching filthy movies, or wasting your time on Meda watching News, YOU tube, playing games, etc.
- B. Hand:*** By stealing, gambling, making fraud, fighting, beating, killing people, etc.
- C. Foot:*** By going to wrong places like discos, bars, cinemas, etc. Or going out with bad friends and moving to places and taking direction opposite to what God had commanded you to move and go.

The Lord Jesus Christ said, it is better to have one eye, one hand or one foot and to enter the Kingdom of God than to have a pair of eyes, hands and feet and end up in Hell. The Lord Jesus Christ through His Word had applied principles that we ought to understand and follow in our lives as we walk with Him. ***Therefore, let the Word of God that we read works in your life and transform you in the way that God wants you to be to live in obedience to His Word and commands.***

Let us continue discuss the principles that the Lord Jesus had put for His church to follow in order to continue His mission on earth.

3. Reaching the lost souls: *“12 How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? 13 And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. 14 Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.” (Matthew 18:12-14 KJV)*

The Lord Jesus Christ is a soul seeker; He came from Heaven to seek and to save the Lost. When God looks to the earth He will not be impressed with the beautiful buildings and gardens, the landscapes, and He will not be impressed by man’s outer beauty and external appearance. But He looks to the soul of those who does not know Him. They are the perishing souls, but He will not let them perish easily. He will do His best to bring them back to Him. The Lord God had sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ for such a reason and purpose. This is what the Word of God it tells us about Jesus: *“20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. 21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight:” (Colossians 1: 20-22 KJV)* God is not willing that any of His sheep would be lost. And He wants from us the same; to carry the same mission of the Lord Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost through the followings:-

a. Prayer: We need to continue to pray and intercede in behalf of the lost souls. We should pray that God would reveal Himself to them and also we pray that God would meet their needs. We should have a real compassion for the lost souls and ought to pray with tears and pain in our hearts knowing that if they would not repent and follow Christ they will be end up in Hell and eternal fire.

b. Preach the good news: The Lord Jesus Christ commanded us the following: *“15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” (Mark 16:15-16 KJV)* * Diligently we should seek every opportunity to speak to others about Jesus and His love and His work on the cross to save mankind from sin and death. * Those who believe and willingly giving their lives to Jesus we need to baptize them in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and to teach them the Word of God to obey and observe His commands as He instructed us: *“19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” (Matthew 28: 19-20 KJV)* *“30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.” (Proverbs 11:30 KJV)* Let us be inspired and encouraged with His Word and let us be diligent to evangelize and reach new souls and disciple them to serve God. This is what is in the mind of Christ and that what He wants us to do for Him.

c. Conserving those who are saved: * Those who receive Jesus and accept Him as Savior and Lord over their lives they will pass through trials, difficulties and temptations and might give up and would not continue to walk with God. They will be called backsliders and what we need to do is to pray for their revival, to visit them

and encourage them to come back to the Lord and serve Him. * Those that pass through difficult times among us we need to help them support them and encourage them in order for them to pass through these trials victoriously. * Continuing in teaching the Word of God would help the disciples to grow and be deeply rooted in the Lord so when trials would come or when Satan attack them they would not be shaken. * God is not willing that anyone would perish so we should have the same mind of Christ to conserve every soul God would bring in the mid of us.

d. Forgive those who sin against you: *“21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? 22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.” (Matthew 18:21-22 KJV)* Forgiveness is an essential principle in the kingdom of God, for we are all accepted in the Kingdom of God because we are forgiven. Forgiven people can reach Heaven. Forgiveness need to be accompanied by repentance, which means the person is asking forgiveness of his or her sin, after he or she had repented and had turn away from sin. Forgiveness cannot be granted upon saying sorry but upon real repentance. Those who trespass inside the body of Christ needed to be rebuked and upon their repentance they will be forgiven as we read here: *“3 Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. 4 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.” (Luke 17:3-4 KJV)* Let us read the following parable of Jesus to understand what is meant for us to forgive those who humbled themselves and asked forgiveness from their hearts for their wrong doings and for their inability to do what is right: *“23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. 24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. 25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. 27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. 28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. 29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. 30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. 31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. 32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: 33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? 34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. 35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.” (Matthew 18:23-35 KJV)*

e. Invest all what God gave us in His Kingdom: God had given us time, different talents, spiritual gifts and different kinds of material possessions and money. We ought to put all these under God’s service and disposal to bring new souls in His kingdom and to make new disciples who serve the Lord and walk in His ways.

4. Dealing with sin inside the church: The Church of God that the Lord Jesus had planted is a highly organized structure, governed and overseer by the Holy Spirit and by the Word of God. The Holy Spirit also is continuously calling people to be accountable to lead the church and shepherd the flocks in the way of righteousness and according to God's Word and His promises, as the Word of God teaches us: ***“28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.” (Acts 20:28 KJV)***

The Church of God is the people who respond to Jesus' call and accept His sacrifice and His work on the cross to save them from sin and death. They have committed themselves to live their lives for Him. Now God will not leave His church without love and care but He would raise up people and put them in charge to care for the flock and keep the church in order and in obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word that He gave us and we can read in the Bible.

One of God's kingdom principles that He gave through His Word to His church is How to deal with sin inside the body of Christ: ***“15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. 16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. 17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.” (Matthew 18:15-17)*** A brother or sister in the church is a person for whom Jesus died on the cross and gave His blood for Him or her. If he or she would sin he or she need to be restored as the following, otherwise his or her sin will cause him or her condemnation and loss of eternity if he or she would not repent.

a. *“if thy brother shall trespass against thee”:* Sin must be purged out from the church. The sins that he or she has done would lead him or her to death and you need to deal with it. We are responsible for each other to care, to preserve, to teach, to correct, to admonish, to rebuke and to discipline.

b. *“go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone”:* Once you discover that your brother or sister had sinned don't start to gossip and speaks to others about him or her, but you need to go to him or her and speak to him or her directly, just between the two of you.

If you are the one who discovered his or her sin it is your responsibility to be the first one to go to him or her. Before you move bring the matter to the Lord, pray for your brother or sister who sinned. Ask God forgiveness for his or her sin and ask God to grant him or her repentance. Pray that God would enable you to speak to him or her and to prepare his or her heart to listen. After a period of prayer go and speak to him or her you alone. Speak gently and speak the truth in love without compromising. If he or she listens to you, you have won your brother or sister over. Reconcile to him or her and everything is over and everything is settled.

c. *“But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established”:* If he or she will

not listen when you open the matter with him or with her, then go to one or two mature brothers or sisters in the Lord and open the matter for them and ask them to help you to speak to the brother or sister who sinned. When you open the matter to others they will pray with you for the issue and they will help you to take the right step. They will agree with you if that is your right, and if you are the one wrong they will explain it to you. The one or two that you will take along with you they will be as a witness to the sin that the brother or the sister did, and they will speak with him or her along with you and they will try to convince him or her to repent and take the right step to correct what he or she did wrong.

d. *“And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church”:* The third step to restore the brother or the sister who sin and to keep the church clean from sin is to tell what he or she did to the leaders of the church, those who are responsible to care for the flock. They ought to face him or face her with the truth to repent and to keep the church and the fellowship of believers clean from sins.

e. *“but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican”:* The final stage that the church needs to do is to excommunicate with the one who did such sin. To put him or her out of the church fellowship and to be treated as a pagan or a tax collector; he or she will be treated as unbeliever since he or she refused to listen to Christ and His Word the church had faced him or faced her with.

The Lord Jesus Christ is caring for each and every member of His body, the church; as well as He is so caring for the whole well being of His church. He does not want sin to be in the mid of His people, and for His church to be badly represented by the sin that not cleansed from. We should have the same mind of Christ to keep His church and every member pure, holy and work together to purge the church from sin.

My dear and beloved: Let us review what God wants us to keep of the principles of His kingdom.

- 1. Be like little children:***
- 2. Don't sin and do not let others sin because of your wrongdoings:***
- 3. Reaching the lost souls:***
- 4. Dealing with sin inside the church:***

Let us pray ...

My prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that teaches me important principles that I need to adopt and follow in my life and ministry unto you. Lord thank you for all what you had blessed me with from material things and spiritual blessings and the opportunity that you gave me to serve you. Lord thank you for all your teaching, corrections, rebukes and admonishments we received in this message.

Now repent and renounce all your sins. Renounce your pride, your lack of humility, your wrong motives and your wrong thoughts. Repent of your lack of faith and your lack of full trust on God and on His Word. Repent of your non-forgiveness to those

who hurt you and to those who asked you to forgive them for their inability to do their responsibilities. Repent of your lack of fear of God, and living and doing your own ways, will and plans. Repent of your worldliness and your yoke with non believers and many friends. Repent of your lust, immoralities, and the rest of the works of the flesh. Repent of your selfishness, doing your own will, lack of commitment and non willingness to give to God your time, your effort and your material things. Repent of being bad example to others. Repent of your lack of patience and self-control. Repent of your lack of brotherly kindness and charity. Repent from your non willingness to persevere while persecuted and suffer for Christ. Repent of your non willingness to reach the lost souls to bring them to Christ. Repent from wasting your time and spoiling your mind with the Media, News and games and using your eyes to watch bad things. Repent of going to places that God had forbidden you to go, and your refusal to go to places that God had asked you to go. Repents of using your hands to do bad things. Repent of your lack of reading God's Word in the Bible and studying the Scripture, and your lack of prayer. Lord I repent from the following sins _____.

Lord cleanse my heart and my mind from any wrong motive. Humble me Lord to be innocent as a child to serve you and to live a life pleasant to you. Lord guide me with your Word and your Holy Spirit to reach new people and bring them into the knowledge of Christ. Lord help me to be fruitful, effective and productive in making new disciples. Lord I commit myself to abide with your Word in the way of restoring those who sin and to keep the church clean from sin. Lord give me the courage to observe that in my life and service unto you. Lord fill me with the Holy Spirit and give me the spiritual gifts that I need to go and evangelize and make disciples and to finish the works of yours. Lord sustain me and provide all my needs to continue to serve you. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins and committed themselves to work out with you to keep all the principles that we learned in this message. Lord protect them and provide for them so they will continue to live for you, serving you, being part of your church and workers in your kingdom, and setting good example to others to follow you. Lord make them fruitful and soul winners. Lord do miracles and wonders in their lives and uphold them with victories so people will know that you are the true God and they are your servants.

Lord we pray for us as a church that we will continue to serve you, to be part of the divine nature and that we will do all what we can to escape the corruption in this world. Lord protect us, our families, workers and ministers from all the temptations of the devil and its demons; we come against all that in the name of Jesus. Lord we commit ourselves to walk before you in humility, and in holiness in accordance to your will and plan for us. Lord lead us to help people who are in sin and bondages and are looking for help from you to be delivered. Lord lead us to those backsliders who are willing to repent and come to you that we can help to be restored and get recovered. Lord help us to conserve the harvest, those who are weak in faith and those who are struggling with lot of troubles and trials to strengthen their faith in order to bring them back to you. Lord enable us to clean those who are lepros. Lord refill us once again with the Holy Spirit, and lead us and enable us to reach new people, making new disciples and training new workers, and to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord I pray for more people to be water

baptized, and receives the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord bless and increase all our ministries, and prepare us for your coming that we will go with you when you come to take us. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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