

THE PRINCIPLE OF RESPONSIBILITY

- Nobody can point a finger at me and say, "You did me wrong, but you never came back to make it right."

AREAS FOR WHICH YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE

1. Motives
2. Attitudes
3. Thoughts

THE SCOPE OF A CLEAR CONSCIENCE

1. God
2. Family
3. Relatives
4. Words
5. Actions

REQUIREMENT OF A CLEAR CONSCIENCE

- Purity of heart

HOW TO DEVELOP A CLEAR CONSCIENCE

1. List their offenses
2. List your offenses

Note: It is important to distinguish between immediate offenses and basic offenses.

THE PURPOSE OF A CLEAR CONSCIENCE

1. Boldness to witness
2. Freedom to resolve conflicts
3. Alertness to make wise decisions
4. Power to overcome temptations
5. Ability to build genuine friendships

EXCUSES FOR DEVELOPING A CLEAR CONSCIENCE

1. "It happened so long ago."
2. "The one I wronged has moved away or died."
3. "It was such a small offense."
4. "Things have gotten better."
5. "I'm just too sensitive."
6. "No one is perfect."
7. "They will not understand."
8. "Making it right will involve money which I don't have."
9. "I'll do it later."
10. "I'll only do it over again."
11. "The other person was mostly wrong."
12. "I'll leave the worst offense until last."
13. "If I purpose not to do it again, won't that be enough?"
14. "They are not Christians, what will they think?"

THE PRINCIPLE OF SUCCESS

– God designed Scripture to be the source of all true success – Psalm 1.

Blessings of engrafting God's Word:

1. Wisdom – Ps. 119:98
2. Understanding – Ps. 119:99
3. Faith – Rom. 10:17
4. Peace – Ps. 119:165
5. Joy – Ps. 63:5
6. Prosperity – Ps. 1:2-3
7. Life – Prov. 16:22
8. Success – Joshua 1:8

– Meditation is the requirement which God has established for life, wisdom and success.

Note: Whenever God speaks of success in Scripture, He relates to continuous interaction of meditation.

PROMISES OF ENGRAFTING SCRIPTURE:

1. You will have good success – Joshua 1:8.
2. Whatever you do will prosper – Ps. 1:2-3.
3. You will excel in wisdom and understanding – Ps. 119:97, 100.
4. You will have new power over sin – Ps. 119:11.
5. You will discover how to live – Prov. 4:4.
6. Your success will be obvious to all – 1 Tim. 4:15.

THE DEFINITION OF TRUE SUCCESS

- Success is not determined by what we are, but rather by what we **could** be. It is not measured by what we have done, but rather by what we **could have** done.

Note: Successful living results from the successful development of spirit, soul and body.

5 BASIC STEPS TOWARD BECOMING A WHOLE PERSON

1. Be reborn in your spirit.
2. Rebuild your thoughts.
3. Refocus your emotions.
4. Redirect your goals.
5. Reproduce your life in others.

THE BASIC CONFLICT OF OUR INNER NATURE

- A war takes place between the spirit and the flesh - Rom. 7:15-25.

STEPS TO TRANSFORM YOUR SOUL

1. Memorize
2. Visualize
3. Personalize

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HOW TO REBUILD YOUR THOUGHTS

Note: God's Spirit is the author and interpreter of Scripture. Once He enters our spirit, He is able to rebuild our thoughts, emotions and will and bring them to a comprehension of His Word (John 16:13; 14:26).

1. Memorize God's thought structures – Is. 55:8-9.
2. Saturate your mind with Scripture.

Note: The literal concept behind the word, "meditate" is that of a cow chewing its cud. Just as the cow brings up again and again that which it has eaten, so we should recall in our mind over and over again that which we have memorized.

HOW TO REDIRECT YOUR WILL

1. Purpose to become a living translation of God's Word.
2. Assume responsibility for God's work and reputation.
3. Expand the meaning of key words; then translate them into action.

HOW TO GET STARTED

1. Select a meaningful section of Scripture.
2. Give God the day that belongs to Him.
3. Begin the day in the evening.

THE PRINCIPLE OF AUTHORITY

- Authority is the means by which God subdues His people and prepares them for an expanded work.

- Submission is the way God's people reveal their independence of man yet total dependence upon God.

- The principle of authority is God's purification of your faith and God's preparation for ministry.

- Structures of Authority:

1. Government
2. Church
3. Family
4. Employer

- The principle of authority is God working through structures of authority to provide protection, direction and provision.

Functions of the head: (Ex.- employer, husband)

1. Perspective
2. Hearing
3. Thinking / Comprehension
4. Communication

- Functions of the heart: (Ex. – employee, wife)

1. Emotional Response
2. Influential Power
3. A Seed of Confidence
4. A Life Source

THE PRINCIPLE OF MORAL FREEDOM

- Moral freedom is the power to do what I ought rather than to do what I want.
- A person's morality will dictate his theology and his philosophy.
- For each of the five physical senses (taste, touch, sight, sound, smell), there is a spiritual counterpart.
- When we are morally free, our spiritual drives become stronger than our physical drives.
- Those with a reprobate mind believe that things they used to think were wrong are now right.

THE PRINCIPLE OF SUFFERING

- Suffering is the process by which God transfers our affections from temporal things to eternal riches and matures us for leadership in this life and throughout eternity.
- Suffering is a means of humility that can bring God's grace (2 Cor. 12:7-10).
- Bitterness is an evidence of temporal values.
- Freedom to forgive comes from seeing my offenses toward God as greater than others' offenses toward me.
- Offenders must be viewed as God's "agents" to accomplish His higher purposes.
- Forgiveness differs from pardon in that forgiveness is the individual's responsibility, whereas pardon can only come from governmental jurisdiction.
- Bitterness is turned to genuine love by voluntarily investing treasure in the life of an offender.
- Suffering is God's call to self-examination.
- We are controlled by those to whom we are bitter.

THE PRINCIPLE OF OWNERSHIP

- Whatever we own, soon owns us.
- A basic step of forgiveness is to realize that God is working through the actions of your offender.
- Ownership is recognizing that everything I have belongs to God and is entrusted to me for the advancement of His Kingdom.
- Pride develops by meditating on an irritation.
- Three sources of irritation:
 1. Other people
 2. Your environment
 3. Yourself
- Personal rights must be distinguished from personal responsibilities.
- All anger can be traced to un-yielded rights.

THE PRINCIPLE OF DESIGN

- The basis of self-acceptance is knowing who I am in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17).
- A righteous person is identified by his ability to fulfill others' basic needs.
- Self-acceptance is established by a mindset that matches the birth.