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***Principles to Live By***

Principles: Concepts or values that are guides for behavior or evaluation.

1) The Cain Principle

2) The Shiloh Principle

3) The Jeroboam Principle

4) The James Principle

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*The Cain Principle:*

***Genesis 4:6-7***

*“How do people respond to correction?”*

**QUICK QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**:

1. Who did Jesus call “righteous”?

2. What did Abel offer as a sacrifice? What about Cain?

3. Why was Abel’s sacrifice accepted, while Cain’s was not?

4. What was Cain’s reaction to his correction?

5. What are some ways that people respond to criticism?

**IMPORTANT VERSES**:

Hebrews 11:4 2 Timothy 3:16

Genesis 4:7 1 John 1:9

Galatians 2:11-16

**DISCUSSION POINTS**:

1. What is the difference between righteous and unrighteous?

2. Was God prepared to give Cain another chance?

3. Can worship today be considered unrighteous?

4. How should we, as Christians, handle criticism today?

**THE CAIN PRINCIPLE**

*The Shiloh Principle:*

***Jeremiah 7:12-14***

*“Should we forget the past?”*

**QUICK QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**:

1. What was the religious importance of Shiloh?

2. When was Shiloh at the height of its importance?

3. What events does the Bible mention that happened at Shiloh?

4. Why was the ark moved?

5. How did Jeremiah use Shiloh as a warning?

**IMPORTANT VERSES**:

1 Samuel 4:3-4 1 Corinthians 10:11

Jeremiah 26:4-6 2 Corinthians 7:9-11

Psalm 78:60-61

James 1:2-4

**DISCUSSION POINTS**:

1. What caused the fall of Shiloh?

2. Why did Israel choose to ignore the lesson from the fall of Shiloh?

3. How could the children of Israel have used this event for good?

4. What spiritual applications can be drawn today from the fall of Shiloh?

**THE SHILOH PRINCIPLE**

*The Jeroboam Principle:*

***1 Kings 14:16***

*“How do we want to be remembered?”*

**QUICK QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**:

1. Who was Jeroboam and where did he come from?

2. What caused the split between Israel and Judah?

3. What did Jeroboam set up at Dan and Bethel?

4. How long did God allow Jeroboam to reign as king?

5. What does “walked in the ways of Jeroboam” mean?

**IMPORTANT VERSES:**

1 Kings 11:9 Matthew 15:7-9

1 Kings 11:11-13 John 4:24

1 Kings 11:38 1 Corinthians 11:17

1 Kings 12:30 Psalm 50:16-17

**DISCUSSION POINTS**:

1. Are all of God’s promises conditional?

2. Outline the sins of Jeroboam.

3. Is the attitude of Jeroboam still seen today?

4. Why must we, as members of the Lord’s Church, hold worship so sacred?

**THE JEROBOAM PRINCIPLE**

*The James Principle:*

***Luke 16 & Matt. 25***

*“How should we act as Christians?”*

**QUICK QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**:

1. Where did Lazarus live?

2. How many talents did each man return to the master?

3. What reason was given for the condemnation of the goats?

4. What does it mean to be a doer of the word?

5. What is the responsibility of those that know to do good?

**IMPORTANT VERSES**:

Romans 12:1 James 1:22

Luke 16:19-23 James 1:27

Matthew 25:14-25 James 2:14

Matthew 25:31-46 James 4:17

**DISCUSSION POINTS**:

1. Is there a difference between worship and service?

2. What brought forth condemnation in each parable?

3. What is the relationship between faith and works?

4. What other passages in the book of James apply to this principle?

**THE JAMES PRINCIPLE**

*10 Times to Just Be Quiet!*

1. When we are angry (James 1:19-20)

2. When we do not have all the facts (Proverbs 18:13)

3. When we have not verified the story (Deut. 17:2-6)

4. If it is none of our business (Proverbs 14:10)

5. When we are tempted to joke about sin (Proverbs 14:9)

6. If we are making light of holy things (Ecclesiastes 5:2)

7. When we feel overly critical (James 3:8-10)

8. If we are not under control (Proverbs 25:28)

9. If we have already said it enough (Proverbs 19:13)

10. When it is time to listen (Ecclesiastes 3:7)

*QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?*

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