



SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT AND STUDY GUIDE

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Series: Honoring God | Subject: We Honor God's Principles

Instructions For This Week:

- 1. Take this week to study your Sunday School lesson prior to coming to class.**
- 2. Do the homework assignments presented in this study guide.**
- 3. Bring the study guide along with your answers.**

See you there!

What is a Principle?

A principle is a fundamental truth or proposition that serves as the foundation for a system of belief, behavior or chain of reasoning. It is a fundamental law, doctrine, rule or code of conduct.

Principles are specified traits, ways of engaging life that can enable individuals to live toward their highest potential.

God's Principles:

God presents many principles throughout the Bible that His people are to live by. Although there are too many to put in one lesson, God's principles are established as basic guidelines for Christian character, behavior and success. These principles form a necessary context for Christian living.

These principles include:

1. Getting Saved
2. Righteous Living
3. Operating in Integrity
4. Loving Your Neighbor as Yourself
5. Coming to Church
6. Giving to the Kingdom
7. Living a Life of Purpose

Assignment: Name a Godly principle NOT included in the list above.

The Principles of God vs. the Principles of the World

Most human beings live pretty senselessly—on “autopilot” most of the time. They are for the most part operating by the dictates of the trends, fads and culture that surround them – usually never challenging the mannerisms and principles that are thrust upon them. Below are listed some common principles versus Godly principles found in the Word of God.

- Lying – if you can get away with it **vs.** Telling the Truth
- Cheater **vs.** Having Integrity
- Married **vs.** Living Together
- Opposite Sex Relationship **vs.** Same-Sex Relationship
- Helping Others **vs.** “Getting Yours” Attitude
- Trusting the Universe (or Science) **vs.** Trusting God
- Humanism **vs.** Godly Direction

Common philosophies of secular humanism vs. Biblical Doctrine

- “You do you” philosophy vs. **caring about one another** (biblical)
- “The world revolves around you” philosophy (narcissism) vs. **love your neighbor** (biblical)
- “Do things that make you feel good” philosophy vs. **Go through to get to** (biblical)

A leading forensic psychologist, Michael Seto, said, "We are living through the largest unregulated social experiment of all time" – a reference to the generation of youth who have grown up exposed to extreme content online.

We must get back to God and His principle for true success!

- **Joshua 1:8** This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Assignment: Why do you think the world’s secular humanism is so dangerous?

**What does God Require of Us Concerning His Principles?
A Committed Life!**

To bring forth “good” success to our lives – we must be transformed through His power and principles. Honoring God’s principles must be

done through a life lived. It's a good thing to memorize scriptures and participate in activities – but reverence of His values and principles is going to take a bit more – it's going to take a commitment. A committed life for Christ is when an individual:

1. Decides to fully dedicate their ways to God by living Biblical truth
2. Follows the Pastoral Teaching given at their Local Church
3. Follows guidance of the Holy Spirit that's confirmed by the Word of God
4. Yields to God through authentic relationship characterized by humility, sacrifice, prayer and seeking the will of God.

- **2 Chronicles 7:14** - If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

A committed life happens when a person yields their “flesh” and “wants” and then turns to employ the principles of God in their life.

- **Romans 12:1-2** - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Assignment: What is one of the ways to commit your life to Christ?

How do We Honor God's Principles in “Real Time”? By Doing Them!

- **James 1:22** - But be ye **doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves

The opportunities to employ God's principles will constantly show up throughout your day, week and year. Almost every situation and scenario

in your life will challenge you in some way, shape or form to use the principles or not.

We honor them when we actually meditate, embrace and “do” them!

KEY PRINCIPLES TO LIVE BY TO BE SUCCESSFUL

These are seven key principles that are especially helpful, and can serve as a foundation for successful living.

1. The Principle of Giving
2. The Principle of Humility
3. The Principle of Strength
4. The Principle of Walking in Righteousness
5. The Principle of Kindness
6. The Principle of Serving
7. The Principle of Fellowship

Assignment: Take one of the principles above and explain your personal experience and the blessing that came out of it.

What are some of the ways that we can honor God’s Principles in our lives?

1. Keeping the Word of God
2. Shutting down sin and a sinful lifestyle
3. Walking in righteousness
4. Coming to Sunday School, Worship services and Word Wednesday

5. Spending time in prayer, personal devotions and reading the Word of God
6. Leading your family in Christian ways and mannerisms
7. Spending time helping out at your church
8. Witnessing to someone about salvation in Jesus Christ
9. Inviting someone to church
10. Giving your time in ministry service
11. Cleaning up the church
12. Using your gifts for the Kingdom of God
13. Giving in your tithing and offerings
14. Giving of your finances to see our new worship center completed

- **1 Corinthians 15:58** *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that **your labor is not in vain in the Lord***

There is a direct correlation between honoring God's principles and victory lived. There is plenty of proof in the Bible that commitment brings power and lack of it will cause defeat and a powerless Christian life.

We must be willing to honor God and His principles at all times. Without this type of dedication - we will not see the power of God in the measure that we should see it. The most powerful results are produced when the people of God give their lives as a tool for God to use.

Assignment: Give three ways that you honor God's principles at worship service on Sunday Morning.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____