

Principles of Spiritual Growth:

The Principle of Faith

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Text: 1 Peter 1:3-9

*Applying the Bible
To Your Everyday Life*




Precept vs. Principle



⌘ **Biblical truth is
conveyed to us two
ways...**

Precepts are...



⌘...biblical
commands or
directives that are
given as rules of
action or conduct.

Precepts



- ⌘ **“Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church”**
- ⌘ **Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.”**

Principles are...

⌘...biblical commands or directives from which *other truths* must be drawn in order to be applied to our lives.

Acts 1:4a



⌘ **“And gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised...”**

Acts 1:8

✚ “...but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Key Principle



⌘ **The power of the Holy Spirit is essential for effective evangelism.**

Principles are
like
lighthouses...



The Faith Principle

A small, fluffy kitten is hanging from a horizontal branch, illustrating the concept of faith. The kitten is positioned in the center of the frame, with its front paws gripping the branch and its hind legs tucked up towards its chest. The kitten's fur is a mix of black, white, and brown. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a natural outdoor setting. The text is overlaid on the image, with the title at the top and the main message at the bottom.

***Faith** is only as good as
the **facts** that hold it up.*

“...the *assurance* of things hoped for, the *conviction* of things not seen” (Heb. 11:1)



FAITH

F A I T H

...rests on *truth*

A close-up photograph of a person's hand, palm up, holding a small, dark, round object. The hand is positioned in the lower half of the frame. In the background, the word "FAITH" is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters, slightly out of focus. The overall lighting is soft and warm, suggesting an indoor setting with natural light. The text "...rejoices in *trials*" is overlaid on the hand and the background.

...rejoices in *trials*

FAITH

...results in

triumph

1 Peter 1:3-5



⌘ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, *who are protected by the power of God through faith* for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Biblical Fact #1



⌘ We are
recipients of
God's mercy

⌘ (Titus 3:4-6)

Biblical Fact #2



⌘ We have been
resurrected
with Christ

⌘ (Colossians 2:8-12)

Biblical Fact #3



⌘ We have *received*
an inheritance

⌘ (Ephesians 1:11)

Biblical Fact #4



⌘ We have a
reservation in
heaven (John
14:2-3)

A close-up photograph of a human hand, palm up, holding a small, glowing, golden-yellow sphere. The background is a blurred blue and white, with the word "FAITH" written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the top. The lighting is soft and focused on the hand and the orb.

...rejoices in *trials*

(1 Peter 1:6-7)

F A I T H

...results in

triumph

(1 Peter 1:8-9)