

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 Devil. His blood and death on the cross for our sins and His resurrection from the death on the third day brought eternal life to us we who believe in Him and follow His word.

The Lord Jesus Christ gave us His word that teaches us God's kingdom principles. We will discuss few of those principles from the bible and as the following:

1) Be like little children: *"At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' He called a little child and had him stand among them. And He said, 'I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.'" (Matthew 18:1-4)* 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. *"Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you." (James 1: 21)*

Little children they are obedience 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 those who follow God, for certain wrong doing they will receive discipline from Him, but that discipline should bring them near to God. Little children they should not 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 manipulation in their walk and service unto God. To be like a child is to be humble with a pure heart and clean hands. There shall be no evil thought or politics in your service to God. This is what the word of God it teaches us, *"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others,*

faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things, God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever, Amen." (1 Peter 4: 10-11)

2) Don't let others sin because of your wrongdoing: *"But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin! Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come! If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell." (Matthew 18:6-9)* We who believe and follow Christ we 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 behaviours. Exactly like little children imitating their parents in the way they speak, dress, think and act.

The Lord Jesus Christ mentioned three things that we may use to sin against God.

- 1) Eye:** By looking lustfully to men or women or watching filthy movies or magazines.
- 2) Hand:** By stealing, gambling, making fraud, beating or killing people.
- 3) Foot:** By going to wrong places like discos, bars or cinemas. 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.

My dear and beloved: Let the word of God that we read work in your lives and transform you in the way that God wants you to be to live in obedience to His word and commands as you agree to 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 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. Thank you Lord, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*