

**Ten Spiritual Principles Concerning
The Authority of the Word of God and The Marriage Covenant
John 14:15**

" If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."

- I. Since Faith and The Word of God are Linked
Romans 10:17 "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ."
- A. God is not what we believe, by Faith we believe what God is as revealed in His Holy Word
 - B. God's will is not what we believe, by Faith we believe God's will as revealed in His Holy word.
 - C. By faith, God does not do our will, rather by faith we do His will as revealed in His holy Word.
 - D. By a word of faith, God does not do our bidding, rather by faith in Christ we do the bidding of God as revealed in His holy Word.
 - E. God can do anything, but He doesn't, He only does His good and holy will as revealed in the holy Word of God.
 - F. We then as His children are to conform with His good and holy will s revealed in His Holy Scripture.
 - G. When did "faith" change from the power to obey God to the power to get things from God?
Romans 1:5
5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake,
Romans 16:26
26 but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith;
- II. In all areas the Word of God judges man, man does not judge the Word of God. This includes pastors and spiritual leaders.
Hebrews 4:12-13
12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.
Acts 17:11
11 Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.
- A. It is your responsibility to test those who teach the Word with the Word.
 - B. No man has authority to nullify the commands of God

- III. We will never reap a different crop than the one we sow
Galatians 6:7-9
7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. 9 Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.
Psalms 50:16-17, 21
*16 But to the wicked God says,
 "What right have you to tell of My statutes
 And to take My covenant in your mouth?
 17 "For you hate discipline,
 And you cast My words behind you.
 21 "These things you have done and I kept silence;
 You thought that I was just like you;
 I will reprove you and state the case in order before your eyes.*
- IV. God promises that where difficulty, persecution or problems arise beyond our control that His grace will step in. He does not however promise that where irresponsibility or disobedience is present His grace will overlook our neglect and sin.
1 Corinthians 10:13
13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.
- A. Disobedience is not a temptation from which God delivers you.
 - B. The Temptation spoken of is to subjugate the command of God concerning His Marriage Covenant to your own desires and the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil
 - C. He promises to give you the strength to resist the alternatives to His commands.
 - D. Once you are in disobedience to the Lord the response is repentance.
- Romans 8:28**
28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose
- E. All things work together for good...
 - F. To those who love God – John 14:15, 21,23,24 – for those who are obeying God in the area of marriage and family.
 - G. You cannot live in willful disobedience to God’s Word in the area of Marriage and Family and then say, “I know this will work out for good if I just trust God”
 - H. The response is not “trust” nor “faith” but “repentance”.
- Jeremiah 7:9-11**
9 "Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery and swear falsely, and offer sacrifices to Baal and walk after other gods that you have not known, 10 then come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My name, and say, 'We are delivered!' — that you may do all these abominations?

- V. There is the expectation of God that the lives and families of His children are different than the lives of the lost.

Romans 12:2

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

2 Kings 17:33

33 They feared the LORD and served their own gods according to the custom of the nations from among whom they had been carried away into exile.

- VI. The leadership of God the Holy Spirit will never violate the teaching of God the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 3:13-17

The Problem:

- *13 But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.*

The Solution:

- *14 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them,*
- *15 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*
- *16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*

- A. The Solution to spiritual deception is NOT to be freed from the Word of God to do something different than what it says – that is the definition of spiritual deception,
- B. The Solution to spiritual deception is to test all things by the Word of God and to continue in the Word of God.

- VII. The study of the Word of God alone is never presented as a cure for our problems, God the Holy Spirit always includes obedience to what He has taught us in the equation.

Joshua 1:8

8 " This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success

Luke 11:27-28

27 While Jesus was saying these things, one of the women in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, " Blessed is the womb that bore You and the breasts at which You nursed." 28 But He said, "On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."

- VIII. We are to both resist and subjugate those forces which seek to supplant the Word of God. No man who teaches contrary to the Word of God is a “man of God” and all those who are called “man of God” teach in conformity to the holy, eternal, written Word of God.

Matthew 15:8-9

***8'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS,
BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.***

***9'BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME,
TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.'"***

Isaiah 55:8-9

***8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.***

***9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways
And My thoughts than your thoughts.***

- IX. We can honor our parents without reproducing their sins in our family. It is not dishonoring to subject the traditions of our parents and family to the Word of God and then do something different.

2 Kings 15:10

9 He did evil in the sight of the LORD, as his fathers had done; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel sin.

Matthew 10:37-38

37 " He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

- X. The love of our children does not cause us to overlook their disobedience and sin but rather to become involved in their lives for their success.

1 Samuel 3:13

13 "For I have told him that I am about to judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knew, because his sons brought a curse on themselves and he did not rebuke them

Ephesians 6:1-4

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), 3 SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.

4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Hebrews 12:7-8

7 It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8 But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate