# Companion to Basic Elements of the Christian Life Volume 3, Chapter 1

# TWO PRINCIPLES OF LIVING—THE PRINCIPLE OF LIFE OR THE PRINCIPLE OF RIGHT AND WRONG

#### **Chapter Focus**

Our Christian life shouldn't be lived according to the principle of right and wrong, but according to the principle of life.

### **Scripture Reading**

2 Cor. 5:7; Acts 17:28; 1 Cor. 4:4

#### **Questions**

- 1. What is the principle of right and wrong, of good and evil?
- 2. What is the principle of life?
- 3. How could doing something good and right not be by the principle of life?
- 4. How can we know whether we're living by the principle of life or right and wrong?

## **Suggested Application**

Spend some time with the Lord to pray along the lines of the prayer on page 21.

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# Companion to Basic Elements of the Christian Life Volume 3, Chapter 2 THE WAY TO BUILD UP THE CHURCH

#### **Chapter Focus**

The church isn't built up by knowledge or gifts; the church is built up by the inner experience of Christ as life.

### **Scripture Reading**

Eph. 3:14-19

#### Questions

- 1. What are the three main aspects of God's eternal plan for the church?
- 2. Why did God create us with a spirit, and how is this related to His purpose?
- 3. What three things does Satan use to distract people from God's eternal purpose?
- 4. What is the only way for the church to be built up? How do Ephesians 3 and 4 show this?
- 5. How does our repentance and confession allow Christ to spread and make His home in our heart?

# **Suggested Application**

Spend time to pray over Ephesians 3:14-19.

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# Companion to Basic Elements of the Christian Life Volume 3, Chapter 3 PRAY-READING THE WORD

#### **Chapter Focus**

The Word of God is our spiritual food, and by pray-reading the Word, we can be nourished.

#### **Scripture Reading**

1 Pet. 2:2-3; Matt. 4:4; 2 Tim. 3:16; John 6:63

### **Questions**

- 1. What are some verses that show the Word of God can be tasted, eaten, and enjoyed?
- 2. What's the main function of the Bible?
- 3. What's the essence of God's Word and how does that tell us how we should come to the Word?
- 4. What's the difference between knowing the Word of God and eating the Word of God?
- 5. What is pray-reading?

## **Suggested Application**

Practice pray-reading John 6:63 audibly by using the example on page 37.

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