

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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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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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.