

### **Sinful Anger**

7. We must not allow the God-created emotion of anger to become \_\_\_\_\_  
(Genesis 4:6-8; Ephesians 4:26-27, 30-31; see Principle 11 in Ephesians).

### **Reflection and Response**

Since anger is a God-created emotion, how can we both control it and express it without hurting others and ourselves? (See Proverbs 14:29; 19:11.)

### **Moral Purity**

8. To live in God's will, we must maintain the " \_\_\_\_\_ " relationship in marriage (Genesis 4:17-19; review Principle 3 in Genesis; see Principle 6 in 1 Timothy; 1 Timothy 3:2a; Titus 1:6a).

### **Reflection and Response**

As men and women, what can we do to maintain moral purity in both our married and non-married relationships?

### **Biblical Values**

9. Even though many people around us \_\_\_\_\_ biblical values, we are to walk with God (Genesis 5:21-24; Hebrews 11:5; Matthew 7:13-14; see Principle 18 in Matthew).

### **Reflection and Response**

How can we as Christians be "light" and "salt" in this world without becoming like the world?

### Holy Living

10. As the world becomes more and more \_\_\_\_\_, we should continue to trust God to enable us to live righteous and godly lives (Genesis 6:9-11; Hebrews 11:7; Ephesians 2:10; see Principle 4 in Ephesians; Ephesians 2:8-9).

### Reflection and Response

How can we as Christians develop our faith and trust in the Lord so that we can *walk with God* even though we are surrounded by people who are abandoning the moral and spiritual values of the Bible? (See Hebrews 10:24.)

### Reflecting God's Compassion

11. We must be on guard against becoming uncompassionate when God allows people to live sinful lives and even \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 6:12-14, 17-18, 22; Matthew 24:38; 2 Peter 3:3-4, 8-9; see Principle 5 in 2 Peter).

### Reflection and Response

How can we develop God's compassion for lost people who become increasingly hostile toward us and what we believe? (See Titus 3:1-7.)

### Common Grace

12. We must understand that God's material blessings represent His common grace and mercy to \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 7:1, 8:20-22; Matthew 5:45b; Genesis 3:18-19).

### Reflection and Response

Though many unbelievers simply take material blessings for granted and even take credit for their prosperity, how do some Christians violate this principle as well? (See Principle 31 in 1 Corinthians.)

## NEW TESTAMENT PRINCIPLES

### **7. Principle 11 in Ephesians—Walking in Love**

Because of Christ's supreme act of love for us, we are to walk in love in all of our relationships with one another.

### **8. Principle 6 in 1 Timothy—A Profile for Christian Maturity**

Men who are appointed to serve as elders/overseers in the church are to be selected based on a comprehensive biblical criteria for measuring Christian maturity.

### **9. Principle 18 in Matthew—The Way of Salvation**

To be true to the Scriptures, we must believe and teach that faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is the one and only way to inherit eternal life.

### **10. Principle 4 in Ephesians—God's Gift**

When we present the message of hope in Christ, we must make sure that all people understand that "good works" do not contribute in any way to their salvation experience.

### **11. Principle 5 in 2 Peter—The Second Coming**

Since Jesus Christ has not returned for nearly two thousand years, we should not become apathetic in looking for His return.

### **12. Principle 31 in 1 Corinthians—Generous Giving**

As true followers of Jesus Christ, we should be generous with our material possessions, giving regularly, systematically and proportionately.