

**God's Moral Laws**

47. We must obey God's moral laws if we are to avoid family \_\_\_\_\_ in marriage relationships (Genesis 29:31; 30:1-2, 22-24; 2:23-24).

**Reflection and Response**

When we violate God's moral laws, why are the ultimate consequences so often extremely devastating? (See 1 Corinthians 6:18; Principle 3 in Romans.)

**Faith vs. Fear**

48. In order to experience God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, we should exercise faith, not fear and manipulation (Genesis 31:1-3, 20-21, 25-27a; 31-32; Review Principle 16 in Genesis; 2 Timothy 1:7).

**Reflection and Response**

How can we discern between fear that is keeping us from making foolish decisions and fear that keeps us from trusting God and allowing Him to demonstrate His power and protection?

**The Human and Divine**

49. In times of difficulty, we should seek to blend proper \_\_\_\_\_ (human effort) with \_\_\_\_\_ (dependence on God) (Genesis 32:6-12; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-10).

**Reflection and Response**

Why is it so easy to go to extremes, trying to solve problems in our own strength or simply relying on God to work it all out?

### God's Discipline

50. When we are \_\_\_\_\_, we should anticipate our heavenly Father's discipline (Genesis 32:24-25, 30-32; Hebrews 12:8-11; Principle 19 in Hebrews).

### Reflection and Response

In what ways do you believe that God disciplines His children today because of persistent sin in their lives?

### Godly Fellowship

51. We are to have close fellowship with our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ so that we can have intimate fellowship with \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 33:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 133:1; Review Principle 44 in Genesis; Genesis 32:13-15; Matthew 5:23-24; 1 John 1:6-7).

### Reflection and Response

Why is our fellowship with *God* and our fellowship with other *brothers and sisters* in Christ so closely interrelated?

## NEW TESTAMENT PRINCIPLES

- 47. Principle 3 in Romans—Sin's Devastating Impact**  
In view of the power of sin, we should not be surprised by the ways our fellow human beings progressively violate God's moral laws and therefore, suffer the consequences.
- 48. Principle 16 in Genesis—Seeking God's Wisdom**  
When we face difficult circumstances, we should always seek God's wisdom so that we'll continue to walk in His will.
- 50. Principle 19 in Hebrews—God's Discipline**  
When we walk out of God's will, we should be reassured that we are His children when we experience His discipline in our lives.
- 51. Principle 44 in Genesis—Faith and Works**  
We are to test the reality of our relationship with God by the good works that result.
- 52. Principle 9 in Ephesians—Body Function**  
In order to become mature in Christ as local communities of faith, we must all function as "members of one another."