

Marriage and Divorce

26. When determining God's will regarding marriage relationships, we are to follow the teachings in the _____ (Deuteronomy 24:1; Matthew 19:3, 4-6, 7, 8-9).

Reflection and Response

How does Paul's advice to the Corinthians add further insight to the subject of divorce? (1 Corinthians Principle 16.)

God's Expectations Today

27. As new covenant believers, we should devote ourselves to obeying God's will as revealed in the _____ (Deuteronomy 26:16-19).

Reflection and Response

What are some of the New Testament commandments that relate to many of these issues God addressed in the Old Testament? (Ephesians Principle 10; Ephesians Principle 11; Ephesians Principle 12; Ephesians Principle 13; Ephesians Principle 14.)

God's Inscribed Word

28. To live in God's will, we are to _____ and _____ the Scriptures (Deuteronomy 27:1-4, 8; Acts 2:42; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Timothy 2:15).

Reflection and Response

What often happens to Christians today who attend churches where the Bible is not taught accurately and systematically? (Hebrews 4:12)

Blessings and Curses

29. We must differentiate between what God has promised to Israel as a _____ and what He has promised to the _____ (Deuteronomy 28:1-2, 15).

Reflection and Response

What often happens when the blessings and curses outlined for Israel are applied to believers living under grace—particularly as it relates to good health and material prosperity? (3 John 1-2, Principle 1; Ephesians 1:3.)

God's Focus on Israel

30. To have a correct view of _____, we must understand God's unconditional covenant with the nation Israel (Deuteronomy 30:1-6; Jeremiah 31:31, 33b-34; Romans 11:25-27).

Reflection and Response

What can happen when we fail to distinguish properly between God's future plan for Israel as a nation and God's present and future plan for the church (the body of Jesus Christ)?

Security in Christ

31. If we have sincerely put our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, we are to be _____ that God will never forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:1-2, 3b, 6; Ephesians 1:13-14; Hebrews 13:5-6.)

Reflection and Response

What are some of the circumstances in life that can cause believers to question their secure position in Christ?

Being Faithful

32. Even though more and more people will _____ from God as we approach the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, we are to be faithful knowing we can make a difference in this world (Deuteronomy 31:24-26, 29; Joshua 1:5; Judges 2:7; 2 Timothy 3:1-4).

Reflection and Response

Though we are to be ready at any moment for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, why is it important for true followers of Christ to focus on being “light” and “salt” in this world? (See Matthew 5:13-14.)

God’s Compassionate Heart

33. Even though we fail God as believers, if we _____ and turn from our sins, He will restore us and have intimate fellowship with us (Deuteronomy 33:1, 28-29; Revelation 3:19-20; Revelation Principle 9).

Reflection and Response

Though these verses in Revelation have been used effectively to invite unbelievers to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior, why is it important to understand that Jesus’ primary message is to a local community of people who claim to be believers?

A Great Model

34. We should study the lives of Old Testament personalities like Moses in order to be more _____ of the Lord Jesus Christ (Deuteronomy 34:10-12; 1 Corinthians 10:11-13).

Reflection and Response

Why is it so easy to overlook the lessons we can learn from history?

NEW TESTAMENT PRINCIPLES

- 26. 1 Corinthians Principle 16—Mixed Marriages**
Christians who are married to unbelievers should view their relationships as sacred.
- 27. Ephesians Principle 10—Walking in Newness of Life**
Since God chose each one of us to live holy lives, we are to become what He created us to be.
- Ephesians Principle 11—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.
- Ephesians Principle 12—Walking in the Light**
Because of our new life in Christ, we are to illuminate the darkness created by sin.
- Ephesians Principle 13—Walking Wisely**
To walk wisely, we must continually allow the Holy Spirit to enlighten our hearts to discover what God's will is, particularly as revealed through the authors of Scripture.
- Ephesians Principle 14—Walking in Love and Submission**
To walk in God's will, we must practice mutual love and submission in all of our relationships.
- 29. 3 John Principle 1—Wealth and Health**
Though we are to pray for one another that our heavenly Father will meet our physical needs, we must not use this text to promote prosperity theology.
- 33. Revelation Principle 9—Receiving Christ**
To become authentic communities of faith, we must receive the Lord Jesus Christ and allow Him to take control of our hearts and lives.