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RIGHT CHOICES ESTABLISH KINGDOM PRINCIPLES

The light of the body is the eye, if therefore your eye be single, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is evil, your whole body shall be full of darkness. Therefore if the light that is in you be darkness, how great is that darkness!

The eye is the light or lamp of the body. Our eye guides our feet but we need a spiritual eye to guide our walk. It is the principles of the soul that give light to our spiritual eye. The light is a knowledge and workable understanding of kingdom principles—enlightening our minds and clarifying our vision. Without principles we are blind. The lack of spiritual discernment to walk in the kingdom causes the great darkness of man doing *what is right in their own eyes*.

A single eye denotes a singleness of purpose ... simplicity of intention ... honesty of aim ... purity of motive ... and the integrity that influences us to extend His goodwill to others. Singleness of purpose keeps us from having a double treasure and consequently a divided heart. *For where your treasure is, there your heart is also*. If we are heavenly minded then our affections and desires will be the advancement of God's purpose in the earth. But if we are earthly minded, then our personal objectives become our agendas—a commitment to what's best for us personally.

Kingdom principles make clear to us how we should live—influencing every thought, word and action. If we have aligned ourselves to godly principles then we have a response for every situation and circumstance. Man desperately needs the excellence of God's pure light to emanate from his mind and transform his life.

Many of our everyday decisions and choices are easy if we set personal priorities, goals and disciplines according to godly principles. The doubtful times of indecision and turmoil cease because we are not confused about what we should do. Our 'knower' knows what to do so we're not perplexed. Life becomes ordered and has meaning when we have His plan and principles in operation.

A God-centered or simplified life is reflected in every area of our existence. That means we can be successful in business, friendships, lifestyle, parenting and ministry when we follow the same set of principles regardless of the uniqueness of a situation. We do not have to continually weigh what is right or wrong because we innately know the right thing to do—what is expected of us.

We all need the schoolhouse approach until we are refined in the principles of the kingdom. Our earthly experiences or ‘process’ develops our ability to make right choices. Right choices establish kingdom principles as Christ is formed in us. We consider different choices until we know the only response that is right. The very fact that we are presented with multiple choices means we are being tested. Once we know what is right, we no longer consider different choices. We eliminate the need for process when our ‘knower knows.’

A mature man can be successfully involved in many difficult projects and complex situations, yet the simplicity of his motives allows him the liberty to pursue demanding decisions that affect companies and nations. He already knows the basic principles for his personal everyday life and consequently his decisions are able to influence a broader spectrum.

Some people have complex lives, not because of the multitude of areas they are involved in but because of the indecisiveness of their thoughts. They continually doubt what they should do or if it is God’s purpose, so they are unstable. Some cannot even come to a conclusion and ask another to make it for them ... and then doubt what they hear and ask someone else. They make their choices according to polls and then worry if it is a bad choice. What should come naturally to them remains a constant struggle that consumes their every thought.

Establishing godly principles makes our life simple because we automatically and habitually choose what is right. We are not continually second guessing or questioning every decision. Therefore we are at liberty to walk in the will of God to fulfill our destiny.

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Those who live under condemnation keep their vision dark, and their sightless eyes never see opportunity or possibility, but rather failure or death. They become paralyzed in what they should do—too fearful of making a wrong decision blinds them from making any right choices.

Fear closes the doorway to understanding and we are hindered in knowing what to do, not hearing or sensing what the Spirit says. Senses are portals to the brain, and if we have our spiritual senses exercised, we literally access the mind of Christ. The Apostle Paul prayed, “*The eyes of your understanding being enlightened.*” Paul’s prayer was that

we have wisdom and knowledge—principles that open the portals to spiritual understanding.

The spirit of life in Christ Jesus is formed in us by establishing His principles. Fear binds us to the law of sin and death. We do not walk under a fear of punishment in an old covenant if we find the principles of righteousness. Principles allow us to become fearless in our pursuits.

What influences us or controls us is usually what causes decision making to be difficult. When we have control over substances or lifestyle, some of our choices are eliminated—these contrary voices have no power over us once we know the right principles to follow. That is why principles and they're disciplines are so important to be established early in life—it takes the question out of what we should do, or why, or even if ... and we walk in the Kingdom with confidence. We abide by kingdom principles so we have rule in our personal life.

A wise parent instills principles in their children. They expect the child to agree with what they say when the child is young, and as the child matures they articulate the deeper meaning and reason for what they do. This is important because otherwise a child may consider their parents old fashioned when confronted with a new way of living if they never learned the principle. It is easy for them to cast off all restraints if they never learned the value, reason, and purpose for what they do. It can also become a ritual or tradition if they don't know the purpose of what they do. God wants our relationship with Him to be with understanding. The keys to the kingdom are His principles. Our children throw away these keys if they never learn their true value.

Man makes their life complicated if they do not know their purpose—forever second guessing and analyzing the pros and cons to every situation. They never took the time to learn kingdom principles, so they never recognize a transitional moment when it comes either. How can they ... they don't even know what they should do, so how can they walk in the moment? If we know the meaning of our life then we can also put our lives in order.

We miss God if we are trying to catch up to where He is now. Some say He is here, others say over there ... that's not where we find Him unless we are in the NOW presence of God. Otherwise we are out of sync with God and trying to catch up. Transitional moments only happen in the present. If we recognize Him in our past it is a memory or learning experience, if we see Him in our future it is motivational, but only in the present moment can we enter into history and fulfill our destiny. If our eyes are enlightened, we recognize the Now of God as a miraculous happening to participate in.

If God changes the course of history He does it in transitional moments that no one even sees unless they have a spiritual eye—then a principled leader steps into the void of time and creates a wedge that turns the current of mankind in another direction. It appeared for that moment. By recognizing it as his destiny, he walked into opportunity and became part of God's plan.

Our destiny is the theme of our life and the roadmap of our soul. Our free-will is the plot of our life, and our response to the events and circumstances that happen in life is our life-story. We consider the options available and make the right choices and decisions that direct the course of our life. We limit our potential for success unless we establish kingdom principles. Yet, it is what we do with the principles that makes all the difference. We can spend a lifetime relearning the basics or we can explore the high places of His revelation and discover the depths of His purpose—walking through portals at transitional moments to fulfill our destiny in the plan of God for His-story ...

... knowing that everything we do has purpose in accomplishing our destiny. We possess great value in the world because Christ is formed in our inward parts—His principles. We know who we are and therefore we influence everything and everyone we come into contact with. Becoming one with the beautiful plan of God makes our life simple.

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