

**Principles to Practice, #7**  
**Selected Scriptures, Minister's Class, Thursday, July 27, 2023**

**Introduction: Today, I want to talk to you about some principles to practice.**

- I. Practice Faith and Your Bible:**
  - A. Read the Bible more than reading books on the Bible (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).**
  - B. After Pastor Gardner Taylor retired from the pastorate in New York, Dr. Robert Smith asked Pastor Taylor what would he do differently if he were to start over. Pastor Taylor said that he would read the Bible more.**
- II. Practice Preaching and Teaching the Preaching and Teaching That God Bids You (Jonah 3:1-2).**
  - A. God will always anoint the message He gives you for the moment (Isaiah 55:10-11).**
  - B. Jonah's message was powerful and anointed because Jonah told the people exactly what God told him to tell them (Jonah 3:1-10).**
    - 1. Jonas message was short (Jonah 3:4).**
    - 2. You accomplish more when you attempt less.**
    - 3. Aim to leave your hearers wanting to hear more.**
    - 4. Make a distinction between what God is saying to you and what God is saying to your hearers.**
- III. Practice Praying about Everything (Joshua 9:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:17).**
- IV. Practice Praying Daily for Grace (Hebrews 4:15-16; 12:28; cf. Genesis 6:8-9; 1 Corinthians 15:10).**
  - A. Pray for grace to walk in the steps God has ordered for you (Psalm 119:133).**
  - B. Pray for grace to walk in the Spirit (Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 5:18).**
  - C. Pray for grace to walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8; cf. Daniel 4:28-37; James 4:6, 10).**
- V. Practice Doing All Things at the Right Time (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8).**
- VI. Practice the Sabbath Day Principle – Work Six Days and Rest One Day (Exodus 20:9-10; 31:15; Mark 6:30-32).**
- VII. Practice Guarding the Glory of God:**
  - A. God is concerned about his glory (Isaiah 42:8).**
  - B. God does everything for His glory:**
    - 1. We were created for God's glory (Isaiah 43:7; Revelation 4:11).**

2. We were converted for God glory (Ephesians 1:3-14).
  3. We are commanded to give glory to God (1 Corinthians 10:31; cf. 1 Peter 4:11).
- C. God permits and produces what brings Him the most glory:**
1. The Red Sea (Exodus 14:1-4).
  2. The reduction of Gideon's army from 32 thousand to 300 (Judges 6; 7; 8:10).
  3. The fiery furnace (Daniel 3:19-30).
  4. The lion's den (Daniel 6:10-28).
  5. The man born blind (John 9:1-3).
  6. The death of Lazarus (John 11:4, 40).
- D. How to guard the glory of God:**
1. Do not give glory to anyone else that belongs to God.
  2. Do not receive glory that belongs to God:
    - a. Joseph refused to take glory that belonged to God (Genesis 41:16).
    - b. Daniel refused to take glory that belonged to God (Daniel 2:27-30).
    - c. Nebuchadnezzar took glory that belonged to God (Daniel 4:28-37).
    - d. Belshazzar failed to give glory to God (Daniel 5:22-23).
    - e. King Herod took glory that belonged to God (Acts 12:20-23).
- VIII. Practice Sticking to Your Initial Leading (1 Kings 13:1-32).**
- IX. Practice Guarding Your Mind (Proverbs 4:23).**
- A. Watch what you watch (Job 31:1; Psalm 101:3; 119:37).
  - B. Read, watch, and listen to what edifies (cf. 1 Corinthians 10:23).

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