

First Principles

Concern: growing use of worldly terminology & principles vs biblical (leaders)
leading to violation of basic biblical First Principles (SotM)

example: Troy Robinson - reversal of verse

(**Jas 1:19-20**) ¹⁹So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; ²⁰for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.
emotion driven vs principled (Brandi saying)

Answer: specific from God

(**Heb 5:12-14**) ¹²For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. ¹³For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. ¹⁴But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

appearance of maturity without First Principles foundation (Mt 7:24)

can't process Solid Food if we haven't mastered First Principles

How do we Use & become Skilled in the word to Discern? Begins with our own Hearts!

(**Heb 4:12-16**) ¹²For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

¹⁴Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

¹⁶Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Use Word to reveal our own Hearts to us (He already knows)

Use begins with Conforming our own Hearts to His, not fixing others (Mt 7:3-5)

All Seeing God's Intent - Acceptance, Mercy, Help

He shows us our Heart so we'll bring it to Him - how we learn His Heart

First Principle example: Baptisms (Heb 6:2) - Cleansing (deep understanding, intentions)

(**Jn 13:10** foot washing) ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean."

(**Jn 15:3**) You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. (Gal 3:6)

(**Jn 13:14**) If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

not just Serving, also Cleansing from sin (Jam 5:16)

(**Ep 5:26-27**) ²⁶that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. (His Intent - ours?)

Intent of Mt 18:15-17 isn't outward steps of correction (gossip)

goal: win a brother (vs 15, bind vs 18) - hard to do (that's the point!)

Church: Completely Clean people needing feet washed with water of Word
sometimes not our own sin

Intent: Acceptance, Mercy, Help, Wash with Word, Present to Him, Win...Talk About?

Use Word to Conform our Hearts to His - Learn First Principles
notice He answered my question with a scripture passage