

PRINCIPLES

2 Peter 1:3 ... "As his divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

Our society is plummeting toward an end prophesied in the Bible. Human behavior that disgusted us 20 years ago, is now acceptable. Behaviors that God forbids are now openly and routinely practiced, even by believers. Society giggles at and defends sins that God judges are worthy of death, such as murder, rape, unrepentant homosexuality, and more. It disturbs me how many Christians are entertained by the sins of others; they laugh at profanity, obscenity, indecency, dishonesty, drunkenness, disrespect, and perversion. They clamor for movies, music, and stories in which these and other sins are depicted. Many ignore God's standards for: modesty, the discipline of their children, and sobriety. This was all prophesied, but it is still heart breaking to witness.

As our sovereign creator, God has the right to instruct and punish us for disobedience. His instructions to us are not suggestions or good advice, but laws. Because God does not change, his laws have not changed; what was sin thousands of years ago, is still sin today. Yet, man finds it necessary to continually soften and adjust God's laws, and even erase some of them to appease man's sinful nature and desires (which our verse today labels "lust"). We even call some sins and crimes, victimless, suggesting that what you do does not affect anyone else. But that is one of Satan's lies; every sin you commit affects others. We believe in our "rights" and that if there is something we want bad enough, it should rightfully be ours'. We presume that we can avoid God and he will not know what we are doing or thinking, saying or hearing; that he will not know when we violate his laws. But even that presumption is sin because it disrespects God by denying his omniscience (all knowledge) and omnipresence (everywhere at the same time).

We call the basic laws and instructions of God, "principles," which are defined as: Fundamental truths that serve as the foundation for beliefs or behaviors. If your principles are the same as God's principles, you are secure in your relationship with him. But, if your principles are of your own making and conflict with God's principles, or if your principles are re-writes of God's principles to suit your own lust, you are in danger of God being absent from your life, both now and for eternity. Man's principles change frequently to suit his own desires. God's principles never change, to ensure his kingdom is not tainted by evil.

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