

Inward Authority Principles (Short Version)

1. We read the Bible and progressively do what it says to improve our alignment with the first commandment.
2. We practice introspection to examine ourselves for fear, resentment, selfish-ambition, and idolatry.
3. We read the Bible to learn how it defines good and evil. We seek how to grow God's good within and around us.
4. We confess evil we have done and pray for guidance to grow good within our hearts, minds, and actions.
5. We practice shifting our thoughts from fear, resentment, and pride toward faith, forgiveness, and encouragement.
6. We begin seeking restorative practices as peacemakers. We restore harm done to others and ourselves.
7. We seek justice and impartiality in doing good. We guard against expectations, entitlements, and bias.
8. We increasingly practice truth, humility, love, and peace.
9. We collaborate regularly with others about our experiences of God's character in our hearts and minds.
10. We learn to sense compassion, mercy, and peace as we put it into practice. We increase our spiritual senses.
11. We practice service within groups seeking to love others with patience and Godly sincerity.
12. We serve God as helpful stewards of God's grace by helping others understand and practice these principles.

Inward Purifying Principles (Long Version)

Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

1. We read the Bible to learn instructions of what to do and then we do it. We practice training our minds to understand God as the Bible describes God. We commit to grow in our love for God in our hearts and minds each day to improve our alignment with the first commandment.
2. We seek God's help to reduce fear, resentment, selfish-ambition, and idolatry. We apply a regular practice of introspection to set our minds and hearts toward building faith, forgiveness, love, and generosity. We pray about such things regularly.
3. We read a concordance study in the Bible about 'good' and 'evil' to better understand the patterns and how to define them. We then seek to align our thoughts, attitudes, and actions to better fit the Bible's description of good while seeking to abstain from evil.
4. We get honest with God, another person, and ourselves about evil within our thinking and our actions. We come clean with everything. We evaluate the effects of our participation with evil mentally, emotionally, spiritually, physically, and socially. We learn how it affects truth, love, compassion, humility, peace, patience, mercy, & forgiveness.
5. We practice shifting our thoughts from fear, resentment, and pride toward faith, forgiveness, and encouragement. We learn to recognize when our thoughts get stuck on the problem and practice moving them into the solution. We go to prayer to seek God's ways within our thinking. We meditate upon God's character and how we can act upon it.
6. We write down people we have harmed throughout our lives. We pray for guidance on the best course of action to right such wrongs. We collaborate with others on our plan of action. We listen for feedback with an open mind. We read about forgiveness and mercy. We give attention to the Spirit and then humbly take action to restore the damage done.
7. God is impartial, but we are partial. We all have preferences, wants, personal bias, and desires that can interfere with God's will. We humble ourselves as students to better understand our bias. We seek correction

- within our thoughts and attitudes to become more objective while growing in compassion, sincere truth, and empathy.
8. We evaluate ourselves daily for our progress with humility, sincerity, truth, and love. We set our minds toward how we can bring peace from within us and out toward others.
 9. We collaborate with others regularly about our struggles and successes with God's character sharing what we learn. We listen to others' experiences with empathy and understanding. We build unity with our spiritual family through confession, conversation, and compassion.
 10. We evaluate our experiences using our spiritual senses. We meditate and reflect upon our experiences to see how they can relate to stories within the Bible about love, truth, mercy, forgiveness, justice, generosity, and peace.
 11. We humble ourselves to God through service within groups. As we humble ourselves we see how we can be spiritually helpful toward others with sincere love and patience. We seek to bring kindness toward peace.
 12. We use our spiritual developmental experiences through God's grace to help others. We share our own personal experience of confession, repentance, corrective action, restitution, thought adjustments, prayer, and improved senses. We demonstrate our growth in love and peace over time through our attitudes and actions. We learn how our demonstration of God's good can be a powerful influence.

How the Bible describes God (NKJV)

Numbers 23:19 “God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent.

Deuteronomy 10:17 For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.

Deuteronomy 32:4 He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.

1 John 4:16 God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

Psalms 86:5 For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

Psalms 86:15 But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

Daniel 9:9 To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him.

1 Corinthians 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion but of peace

1 John 4:6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Romans 2:11 For there is no partiality with God.

James 5:11 that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

Psalms 73:26 God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Joel 2:13 He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm.

John 4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.