Following Jesus through the Pandemic

Biblical Principles to Ponder and Apply

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Principle #1: __________ your ____________________________.

And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37-39, ESV)

Principle #2: __________ your ____________________________.

Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. (1 Peter 2:13-17, ESV; cf. Romans 13:1-7)
Principle #3: Don’t be ______________; get to ______________.

Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, 8 nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. 9 It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. 10 For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. 11 For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. 12 Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. (2 Thessalonians 3:6-12, ESV)

Principle #4: Be ______________________ and ____________________.

A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences. (Proverbs 22:3, NLT)

The wise are cautious and avoid danger; fools plunge ahead with reckless confidence. (Proverbs 14:16, NLT)

Principle #5: Don’t live in ______________; take the ______________.

Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, “Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it. 8 It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.” (Deuteronomy 31:7-8, ESV)
for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. (2 Timothy 1:7, ESV)

**Principle #6:** Be ____________________, be teachable, seek wise ____________________, show respect to those who may reach different conclusions than you do, give the benefit of the doubt, be discerning, and “pursue what makes for ________________.”

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.**13** Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. (Romans 14:12-13, 19, ESV)

**Principle #7:** Be aware of our ______________________ to those who are not yet believers – do our actions commend or adorn the gospel?

Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. (Colossians 4:5, ESV)

Moreover, [an overseer] must be well thought of by outsiders, (1 Timothy 3:7, ESV)

**Principle #8:** Be eager to return to our _________________ with other believers for worship, fellowship, teaching, inspiration, and encouragement.

**23** Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. **24** And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, **25** *not neglecting to meet together*, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:23-25).