

The 6 – 8 – 10 Principles

As any Bible student knows, the Bible not only deals in “specifics,” but in eternal principles as well. After this writer became a Christian, I realized that certain habits and practices in my life needed to be terminated. Through my study of God’s Word ([2 Timothy 2:15](#)), I knew they were wrong and did not honor the Lord ([Colossians 3:17](#)). Some other practices, however, were not so clear. I questioned, “were they wrong, or weren’t they?”

The Bible was specific about swearing ([Ephesians 4:29](#); [Colossians 3:8](#)), stealing ([Romans 2:21](#); [Ephesians 4:28](#)), and lying ([Ephesians 4:25](#); [Colossians 3:9](#)) but what about those “doubtful” activities concerning which the Bible gives no clear or specific command (i.e., social drinking, smoking, gambling, dancing?).

Four Biblical Principles—While studying the book of 1st Corinthians, I found four biblical principles which gave me the answers of how to know a “right action” from a “wrong action” even though there might not be any “specific” command or commands in the Bible governing the actions I had questions about. I call them the “6 – 8 – 10” principles, because they are found in [1 Corinthians 6,8,10](#). Anytime we are “doubtful” as to what the Bible teaches concerning our actions or thoughts, let us always ask ourselves the following questions and then adhere to the subsequent biblical principles:

1) Is It Helpful?: In [1 Corinthians 6:12](#), the apostle Paul stated, “All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient; all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.” On the basis of that verse, I can ask myself: “Is this action helpful?” Is whatever I’m about to do helpful to me “physically,” or will it harm me? Does it help me “mentally,” or does it tend to focus my mind on things that draw me into sin? This helped guide me with regard to watching motion pictures, TV programs, etc. and looking at certain books and magazines. And, does this activity help me “spiritually?” Does it help me grow spiritually speaking, or does it hurt my spiritual growth?

2) Does It Get Me In Its Power? Does this activity “enslave me?” ([Romans 6:16](#)). I concluded from a study of [1 Corinthians 6:12](#) that anything that gets me in its “grip” – that becomes a habit I cannot break – I should leave it alone! I have friends today who are “slaves” to cigarettes, alcohol, and drugs. Paul said, ...”but I will not be enslaved by anything” (RSV).

3) Will It Cause Others To Stumble? Will engaging in this activity cause others to stumble? (Note what Paul said in [1 Corinthians 8:12-13](#)). Maybe I can handle it, but will it affect others who see me doing it? Will it cause them problems (both spiritually and physically)? Will my actions lead them into trouble? Remember, no man is an island ([Romans 14:8](#)). What I do is seen and many times “copied” by others ([1 Thessalonians 1:5-8](#)). I may be the only example of a Christian that someone has ([1 Corinthians 4:16](#); [1 Corinthians 11:1](#); [Philippians 3:17](#); [2 Thessalonians 3:9](#); [1 Peter 5:3](#)), so I must think of others when I decide on any activities to engage in ([Matthew 5:16](#); [1 Peter 2:12](#)).

4) Is It Glorifying To God? Again, Paul stated, “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God” ([1 Corinthians 10:31](#)). Does this contemplated action glorify God? What is the chief purpose of man? The Bible states that man’s purpose is to “glorify God” ([Psalm 86:9](#); [Isaiah 43:7](#); [Matthew 5:16](#); [1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#); [Revelation 4:11](#); [Revelation 15:4](#)). You and I are to live our lives “to the praise of His glory” ([Ephesians 1:11-12](#)). So I must ask myself: “Can I do this to the glory of God?”

Conclusion: These three passages of Scripture in First Corinthians have stood the test of time. They contain four lasting principles from the all-knowing and ever-loving God.

The question God asks us is, “What’s on the inside of your heart?” ([1 Samuel 16:7](#)). Outward performance will “reflect” the inner man ([Matthew 15:10-20](#)). As Christians, we must maintain a godly walk before others and make frequent application of [1 John 1:9](#): “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS: : 4-Tanner Coleman, 4-Charles Foster, 7-Brittany Morgan, 11-Monte Morris, 13-Julie Miller, 13-Bonnie Nance, 24-Jean Ford, 25-Nichole Lawrence, 26- Curt Foster

ANNIVERSARIES: 30- Kyle & Ginger Foster, 11-David & Gail Keel, 16-Edward Ray & Jean Ford, 22-Norris & Shan De Priest, 27- Patrick & Kim Lindsey

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

We must hear the word of God. Romans 10:17

We must believe the word of God. Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; Mark 16:15-16

We must repent of our sins. Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

We must confess Christ before men. Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

We must be immersed for the remission of our sins. Acts 2:38; 22:16; I Peter 3:21

We must live faithfully until death Revelation 2:10; Romans 12:1-2

We are so thankful for the success of our Gospel Meeting with Bro. Dorian Flynn and the encouraging messages he brought to us each service. Our prayers go with him, his family and team in their work ahead.

•THOSE TO SERVE – March LIST IN FOYER

(Please check for your assignment and PLEASE contact one of the Deacons if you know you are going to be absent on that date).

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 17th Sara Beth & Blake's Wedding at Juno Church of Christ

April 7th Brunch Reception for Nick and Bethany Aden Davenport

SHUT-INS /NURSING HOME: Margaret Barlowe, Van Ayer Manor, 640 Hannings Lane, Martin 38327

Martha Nell Reed, Lakeside Retirement Community, 390 Dr. Smith Lane, McKenzie 38201

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PRAYER LIST: Sympathy to Dale Aden and family in the passing of his mother, Mrs. Leona Aden. Funeral was last Sunday in McKenzie; Lori McClain fell Wed. morning but nothing broken; Kaffie Green had surgery Thursday, Sybil Hamilton, Charlie Wachsmuth, Jimmy McClain, Tom Aden, Christina Cannon, Margaret Barlowe, Christine Hodgson, Lois Arrington, Doris Haskell, Mary Bryant, Tim Rogers, Harold Hutcherson, Charles Foster, Penny Warren, Vicki Murphy (Lexington), Mike Lane, Ruth Bennett

CANCER: Joe Gordon, Linda Cherry; Jackie Smith, Ricky Griffin (Dylan Holt's Uncle), Keith Inman. Lynn Harrison, Barry Barber, Carmen Bobbitt McCain, Sue Price; Deborah Browning; Rhyann Loos; Hattie Brinkley Berry, Christine Johnson, Jimmy Greene, Lalanie Murphy

Trezevant church of Christ, 114 Church St., Trezevant, TN 38258, 731-669-3448, Tim Rogers, Minister

Services:

Sunday Morning

Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Evening: 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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MISSIONS: Partners in Africa; West TN Children's Home

DATES	WEEK OF FEB. 4	WEEK OF FEB. 11	WEEK OF FEB. 18	WEEK OF FEB. 25	
PREPARE LORD'S SUPPER	SHERRILL SMITH	SHERRILL SMITH	SHERRILL SMITH	SHERRILL SMITH	
GREET	GREG AND LORI	GREG AND LORI	GREG AND LORI	GREG AND LORI	
POWERPOINT	DAVID BRASHER	DAVID BRASHER	DAVID BRASHER	DAVID BRASHER	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT	
OPENING PRAYER SUNDAY A.M.	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	TIM ROGERS	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	DALE BALLENTINE	
LEAD SINGING SUNDAY A.M.	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	
PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER	JOHN HENRY LONG	JOHN HENRY LONG	JOHN HENRY LONG	JOHN HENRY LONG	
PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER	STEVE FOSTER	STEVE FOSTER	STEVE FOSTER	STEVE FOSTER	
SERVE LORD'S SUPPER	BARRY MOORE DALTON MOORE DYLAN HOLT JACOB KEEN	BARRY MOORE DALTON MOORE DYLAN HOLT JACOB KEEN	BARRY MOORE DALTON MOORE DYLAN HOLT JACOB KEEN	BARRY MOORE DALTON MOORE DYLAN HOLT JACOB KEEN	
SCRIPTURE READING SUNDAY A.M.	DANIEL ROGERS	JACK LAWRENCE	TERRY HALL	DREW KELLEY	
CLOSING PRAYER SUNDAY A.M.	MARK WRIGHT	JOSHUA BRASHER	NOAH BRASHER	NORRIS DEPREIST	
OPENING PRAYER SUNDAY P.M.	DALE ADEN	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	DAVID BRYANT	STEVE FOSTER	
LEAD SINGING SUNDAY P.M.	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	
SCRIPTURE READING SUNDAY P.M.	STEVE FOSTER	MARK WRIGHT	DANIEL ROGERS	DALE BALLENTINE	
CLOSING PRAYER SUNDAY P.M.	DALE ADEN	DYLAN HOLT	JACK LAWRENCE	JACOB KEEN	
OPENING PRAYER WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY TIM ROGERS	FEBRUARY 14 NICK BRYANT	FEBRUARY 21 DALE ADEN	FEBRUARY 28 STEVE FOSTER	
LEAD SINGING WEDNESDAY	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT	
DEVOTIONAL WEDNESDAY	MARK WRIGHT	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	TIM ROGERS	NICK BRYANT	
CLOSING PRAYER WEDNESDAY	JACOB KEEN	MONTE PAUL MORRIS	DANIEL ROGERS	JOSHUA BRASHER	