


Chapter Ten The Principles of Preparation





The First Principles

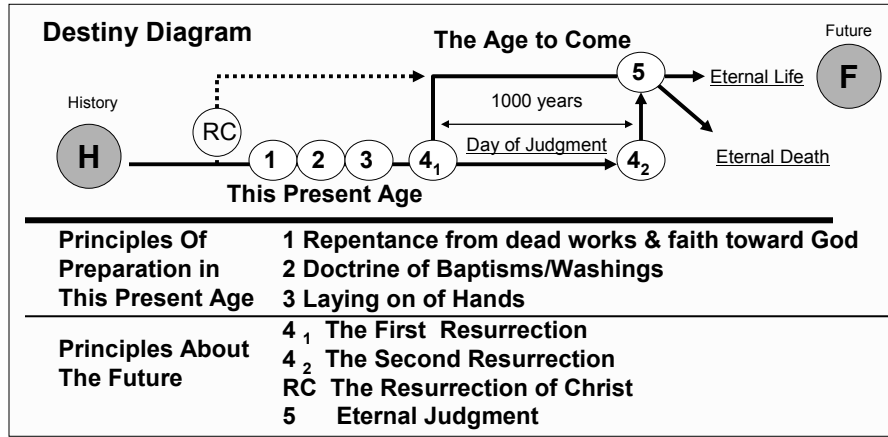
For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be **the first principles of the oracles of God**; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

-Hebrews 5:12

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

-Hebrews 6:1-2 (NKJV)

The First Principles of the doctrine of Christ.



The First Principles of the Doctrine of Christ.

Did Jesus teach these things?

Principles About The Future:

(4) Resurrection of the Dead The Kingdom Age to Come

- A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. (Luke 19:12)
- ... you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just." (Luke 14:14 NKJV)

(5) Eternal Judgment

- "The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here. (Matthew 12:41 NKJV)



The First Principles of the Doctrine of Christ.

Did Jesus teach these things?

Principles of Preparation:

- (1) Repentance From Dead Works and Faith Toward God
- (2) Doctrines of Baptisms/Washings
- (3) The Laying on of Hands (impartation)

These things can be seen in the ministry of Jesus



The Principles of Preparation in the ministry of Jesus

	Principle #1	Principle #2	Principle #3
Principles of Preparation	Repentance from dead works and faith toward God	Doctrines of Baptisms/Washings Holiness & cleansing	Laying on of hands Impartation & empowerment
Ministry of Jesus	Jesus confronted _____ religion and demonstrated real _____.	Jesus provided _____ by giving His life and shedding His Blood	Jesus sent the _____ to empower



The Principles of Preparation in the first evangelistic sermon

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" 38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

-Acts 2:37-38 (NKJV)



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Preparation implies Action. These principles are what we must do.



Chapter Eleven Three “When-dicators” of His Return





Three When-dicators

1. When the Church is mature and walking in unity.

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ... till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-13 NKJV)

“_____” speaks of a time when the “five-fold” will no longer be needed. That can only be after Christ returns.

This is action. This is what we do. This is preparation.



Three When-dicators

2. When the Church is walking in purity and holiness.

...for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. (Rev 19:7-8)

...denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ (Titus 2:12-13).

... when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. (1 John 3:2-3)

Each passage contains reference to the Lord's _____.

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Three When-dicators

3. When the Church has taken the Kingdom message to the ends of the earth.

A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return (Luke 19:12).

The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened (Matt. 13:33).

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come (Matt. 24:14).

The Kingdom will appear when our _____ is done.

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Principle to Purpose

Foundational Principle	Foundational Principle of Purpose	When-dicator
Repentance from dead works and faith toward God.	To _____ Him and do good _____ (Eph 2:10)	When the Church is walking in the unity of the faith in the knowledge of God (Eph 4:13)
Doctrines of baptisms / washings (holiness)	To be _____ as He is holy (1 Peter 1:15-16)	When the Church is walking in purity and holiness (Eph 5:27)
The Laying on of hands	To be _____ who make disciples (1 Tim 2:2)	When the Church has taken the gospel of the Kingdom to the end of the earth (Matt 24:14)

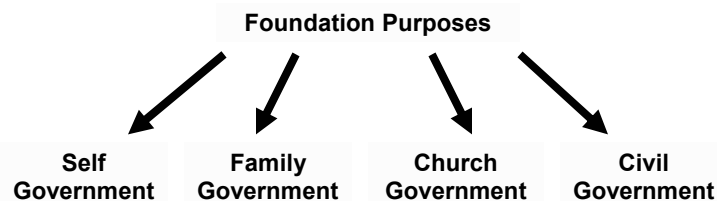
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Strategic Preparation


The basic idea of strategic preparation, implies a job to be done and leads to the practical conclusion that our works and His return are not _____.

Training For Reigning

Good Works – Holiness – Discipleship



Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.' And he said to him, 'Well *done*, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.' (Luke 19:16-17 - NKJV)



2 Peter 3:11-12 (NKJV)

...what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and ***hastening*** the coming of the day of God...



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