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***Joshua 1:2***

***2 "Moses My servant is  
dead. Now therefore, arise,  
go over this Jordan, you  
and all this people, to the  
land which I am giving to  
them.***

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*Joshua 1:7-8*

*7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*

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I should probably...  
**PRAY**

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# PRINCIPLE 1

- **Seek the Lord first about everything.**



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# SEEK THE LORD

***Proverbs 3:5–6***

***Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
And lean not on your own  
understanding;***

***In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He shall direct your paths.***



**Proverbs 3:5–6**

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# SEEK THE LORD

***Jeremiah 29:11-13***

***For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.***

***Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.***



**Jeremiah 29:11-13**

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# PRINCIPLE 2

- **Love the Lord with all your heart.**



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# LOVE THE LORD

*Matthew 22:35–40*

*35 Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying,*

*36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?”*

*37 Jesus said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and great commandment.*

*39 And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”*



**Matthew 22:35–40**

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## ➤ **Love the Lord with all your heart.**

- Ministry must flow out of your love for the Lord.
- If the ministry starts to become a burden, it may be time to step away.

REMEMBER MARY & MARTHA



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# PRINCIPLE 3

- **Love the kids and the volunteers.**



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# LOVE THE KIDS & VOLUNTEERS

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**Matthew 22:35–40**

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# ➤ Love the kids and the volunteers.

- Pray for them.
- Seek to understand & relate to them.
- Empathize with them.
- Serve them.

~~22 Then his master, after he had called him,  
74 thousands, likewise, dwelt with them with  
said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgive  
understanding. Our slave, 28, just as the  
son of man did not because you begged me  
of what I did not expect, but  
33 Should you not also have had  
to serve, and to give me a ransom for  
compassion on your fellow servant, just as I  
many.  
had pity on you?' Matthew 20:27-28~~

Matthew 18:32-33



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# PRINCIPLE 4

➤ **Keep the unity.**



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# KEEP THE UNITY

## *Ephesians 4:1–3*

*4 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*



**Ephesians 4:1–3**

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## ➤ **Keep the unity**

- Lowliness (humility)
- Gentleness
- Long-suffering (bearing with others)

*20 Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"*

*21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?"*

*22 Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me." -John 21:20-22*



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# PRINCIPLE 5

➤ **Stick to the Bible.**



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# STICK TO THE BIBLE

*1 Timothy 4:6*

*6 If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed.*



**1 Timothy 4:6**



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# STICK TO THE BIBLE

**Acts 20:26–28**

**26 Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men.**

**27 For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.**

**28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.**



**Acts 20:26–28**

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# PRINCIPLE 6

- **Emphasize  
relationship with Jesus**



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# EMPHASIZE RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

*John 17:3*

*And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*



**John 17:3**

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# EMPHASIZE RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

*Philippians 3:8–11*

*8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.*



**Philippians 3:8–11**

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# PRINCIPLE 7

➤ **Organize**



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# ORGANIZE

***Mark 6:39–40***

***39 Then He commanded them to make them all sit down in groups on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties.***



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# ORGANIZE

***Exodus 18:21–22***

***21 Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. 22 And let them judge the people at all times. Then it will be that every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they themselves shall judge. So it will be easier for you, for they will bear the burden with you.***



**Exodus 18:21–22**

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# ORGANIZE

**Acts 6:3-4**

**3 Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; 4 but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”**



**Acts 6:3-4**

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# PRINCIPLE 8

➤ **Communicate**



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# COMMUNICATE

*Romans 15:4*

*4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.*



**Romans 15:4**

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# COMMUNICATE

*Hebrews 1:1-2*

*1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;*



**Hebrews 1:1-2**

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# PRINCIPLE 9

➤ **Protect**



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# PROTECT

*John 17:12*

*12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.*



**John 17:12**

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# PROTECT

***John 10:11-12***

***11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.***

***12 But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.***



**John 10:11-12**

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# 9 PRINCIPLES

- **Seek the Lord first**
- **Love God**
- **Love the volunteers (pray, build relationship, care)**
- **Love the kids / families**
- **Unity (pastor, volunteers, families)**
- **Stick to the Bible**
- **Emphasize Relationship with Jesus**
- **Organize (sit in 50s, appoint judges)**
- **Communicate (expectations, training, schedule)**
- **Protect**



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**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

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