

Foundational Principles of Application - Chapter 19 pp 259-273
Lecture Notes

Rule One: Application must be focused on pleasing God rather than pleasing others

Our ultimate model for godliness must be _____, not men. (Romans 8:29, 1 Cor. 11:1. Etc.)

A. People inevitably establish _____ standards by which they judge.

*This results in a false standard for holy living - which could be either legalism or licentiousness or more often, a combination as human standards most often are developed to excuse weaknesses and failures.

*We are not to exchange God's standards for man's - Mark 7:9-13. To go beyond them, or below them.

B. If the standard is above God's (_____), the joy of salvation diminishes and self-righteousness rises.

C. If the standard is below God's (_____) and we do meet the expectations of others, they will cease pushing us towards Christlikeness since they think we have it.

We want to become increasingly sensitive to the leading (and prodding) of the Spirit and not substitute that with achieving the approval of other people

Rule Two: Every problem a person has is related to his or her concept of God

Example 1: The life of _____. He overcame tragedy and his trials because of a right understanding of God - Genesis 50:20

Example 2: _____ response to difficult circumstances - Psalm 18:16-19

Example 3: _____ response to the initial tragedies and to God's rebuke in the end - Job 1, 2 & 42:5-6

Every problem in life requires an application of the Scriptures, either in attitude or in conduct. How we respond will be determined by our concept of God (pp 264).

Rule Three: Attitude is an important as action in obeying God's commandments.

Example 1: King _____ in 1 Samuel 13 & 15. He was rebellious & arrogant

Example 2: David in 2 Samuel 11 responded with humility and _____ when rebuked

Isaiah 1:11-20 The Lord's rebuke of Judah for their sinful attitude while performing the sacrifices

Man is not in a position to _____ on the reasonableness of God's commands nor to modify them according to his own wisdom.

Rule Four: Surrender is the cornerstone of all application. Refusal to surrender blurs our ability to discover and do God's will.

"To help the believer discover and do _____ will, God provides counsel through proven people and leads through the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit. These indicators become blurred, however, if the believer does not seek God's will with a submissive attitude" pp 269

Example: Hebrews 3:8-9 cf. Psalm 95 - Israel's response to God's command to conquer Canaan

"We question God's commitment to us either when events we don't like invade our lives or when we suspect God is asking us to do something we don't want to do" pp 269

Faith is believing _____ understanding the reason why - our confidence is in God's character rather than our ability to understand why He does what He does - or stays His hand in allowing things to happen. pp 270

Surrender is the cornerstone of all application, it is based on our _____ of God pp 270

Consider the example of Job: especially Job 13:15 - *Though He slay me, I will hope in Him.*

Rule Five: Application is a process, not a single event.

Abraham is great because of his _____ in the Lord - not because of his life accomplishments

Hebrews 11 - the people included (Joseph, Moses, etc.) are considered great only in relationship to their faith in God, not for their worldly accomplishments.

The many events in Abraham's life were all geared toward _____ him to be even more faithful / trusting of the Lord.

Each step of faith prepared him for the _____. Life is a journey whose ultimate goal will not be reached until death or the Lord's return

The goal of the Christian life is to become like _____ in character - Romans 8:29; Ephesians 1:4; 4:24