

Understanding
Principles

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Religion can easily become a routine – something we do without even thinking. The more “rules” we have, the easier it is to become a routine.



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When we don't understand principles, we can keep the rules, while breaking the principle.



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Living by principle protects us from developing a “check list” religion. We need to keep a spirit of prayer to make sure we apply our religious principles properly in all times and places.



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Not everyone applies the principle the same way. We must allow freedom to each individual conscience.



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Living by principle keeps us from policing people, which in turn frees us to be genuinely concerned about their spiritual well being.



A Guide at All Times

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We need to be less concerned with what every word means, and more concerned with what the thought is.



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We are bound to meet unforeseen situations, and only principles can teach us how to relate to them.



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