

Principle Approach® and The Kingdom of God

In direct opposition to the current cultural trend of relativism, God has established Biblical principles that serve as the guiding standards for life. These principles guide our present lives but can also be thought of as seeds from which grow the qualities of Christian character, such as integrity, service and leadership. Godly principles serve as keys useful in interacting with the Kingdom of God. These keys to the Kingdom cause supernatural outcomes.

For example, the story in Acts 10 illustrates the centurion Cornelius exhibiting various biblical principles, including generosity and faithfulness, which in turn attracted the interaction of the prophetic through the working of the Holy Spirit and the Apostle Peter. One reason we live by the principles of God is to release the power of the Kingdom of God into our lives and the lives of those around us.

The Principle Approach states, “The Principle Approach, *America's historic method of Biblical reasoning*, places the Truth of God's Word at the heart of education in every subject.” Some academic subjects lend themselves to this endeavor more than others, however, all are applicable. For example, with the four core subject areas:

Science – Creation reveals the Creator with His diversity and design. Purpose can be seen throughout as the parts work together in unity.

History – A Providential plan exists that ultimately culminates in the return of the King and His Kingdom. We are a part of His story and have an important purpose to fulfill. We see cause and effect arising in the lives of people who chose to fulfill their purpose in life, and likewise we see the results of those who chose to rebel against God's plan.

Language and Literature – Especially keen at revealing Christian character, literature is sometimes referred to as the *handmaiden of history*.

Math – “Mathematics is the language in which God has written the universe,” said Galileo Galilei. Math reveals characteristics of God such as order, process and consistency of outcome.

The Principle Approach has several distinct elements and practices inherent in its model of education. Following is a list of some of the elements and practices within Principle Approach methodology: Seven Governmental Principles, Principle of Individuality, Internal to External, Cause to Effect, The Notebook Approach, Westward Movement of the Bible, 10 Links of Christian History, Principle of Self Government, 4R-ing a Word, Usage of Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary, and Providential History.

One key product of Bibliocentric academics is a Biblical Worldview. The ability to address the concerns of life from a Biblical perspective is key. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 states, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”