

Learning to Respect the Author of Reality

An observation on Paul’s teaching in this passage

*Paul grounds the teachings in this passage on ultimate **truths**. He is exposing the way God has ordered the world.*

Examples:

Vs. 3 – We are capable of being deceived in our own fallen minds and hearts.

Vs. 7 – Again, we are able to be deceived; God will not be mocked.

Vs. 8 – This verse says that God made the world to work on a principle of you get what you give. This principle applies to all of life and it intrinsic to the nature of reality.

Acknowledging our rebellion is the first step to success in life

Quick thoughts for graduates on modernism and postmodernism

Five Principles for Living in God’s Reality

Principle 1 – You need *spiritual* friends on the journey of life

What does it mean to be caught in a sin?

How do spiritual friends help?

Principle 2 – Undealt with sin will mess up your life

Acknowledge your broken bones and bring in a physician to heal them

Principle 3 – Comparison is of no value to you or anyone

Principle 4 – You reap what you sew

Dedicate yourself to putting in hard work and develop mastery

The danger of reaping corruption in your life

Principle 5 – There’s a reward for not giving up

There are some words you should not have in your vocabulary

Build Your House on the Solid Rock

Heeding the words of Jesus

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

Questions for Study and Reflection

1. Why is it important to adjust your life to God’s reality instead of trying to create your own approach to life?
2. Do you have undealt with sin that is like a broken bone for you? Are you willing to bring it to Jesus for healing? Would you respond positively if a friend pointed it out to you?
3. Do you compare yourself to others? Why? How does this harm your relationships with God, self, and others?
4. What are you sewing? Are you willing to persevere through difficulty? How does the promise “for in due season we will reap” help you keep doing good to everyone?