

Focus Series: Principles

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I. Under Pressure

II. Controlled By Passions

Genesis 25:29-34

III. Grounded in Principles

Genesis 39:1-10

v. 1-6a

Blessed By God

v. 6b-9

Standing On Principles

v. 10

Ongoing Pressure

IV. Being “In Control”

Personal Reflection

Set aside fifteen minutes this week to pray & respond to the following:

Each new day is an opportunity to either be controlled by passions or guided by principles. Passions are not inherently wrong, but they can be satisfied in both right & wrong ways. It is dangerous to allow passions to dictate the course of your life because they are ever-changing & are never truly satisfied.

Principles are the foundational truths which guide reasoning, belief & behavior. They should form the framework of your moral structure & temper the pressure to satisfy passions. Followers of Christ must be guided by truth rather than controlled by passions.

Being principled is an essential component of a focused life—one that is intentionally being directed toward knowing, serving & growing in relationship with the Creator. Being a principled follower of Christ means anchoring your life in biblical truth.

What are the core principles that give your life focus & meaning? Is their source found in God or in your own limited perception? Has your focus on God been inhibited or outright lost because you have allowed principles to be compromised or ignored?

Prayerfully ask God to reveal any areas of your life that are overly influenced by passions & under directed by principles. As He does, take comfort in the presence & empowering of His Holy Spirit who can enable you to change. Lastly, commit to trust & rely on His leading as He reveals His plan for your life.