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Principle #1:

I must listen carefully to the word of god!!

"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, god spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world."

—*Hebrews 1:1-2*

"For the word of god is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

—*Hebrews 4:12*

"So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which i purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which i sent it."

—*Isaiah 55:11*

"For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of god except the spirit of god. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the spirit who is from god, that we might understand the things freely given us by god."

—*1 Cor. 2:11-12*

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"The same was true for those who heard Jesus. Unless they responded to the truth they had been given, they would not be given further insight to lead them to repentance."

Principle #2:

I must Cherish the Work and Ministry of the holy spirit!

The Hard Heart

As one scholar says, "soil becomes hard when too many feet tread on it. Those who recklessly open their hearts to all kinds of people and influences are in danger of developing hard hearts."

"Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you."

—Hosea 10:12 says,

The Shallow Heart

The Crowded Heart

"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few."

—Matthew 7:13-14

The Fruitful Heart