
***Perspectives on the
Principle***

I feel we have been given such a great vision of God and of this world in God's gift of the Principle. But in trying to share what I feel with you, words fail me. It is hard to express what my heart feels. Emotionally I can project ten thousand times more than anything my intellect directs my mouth to speak. Even if I used my mother tongue, I would never be able to put into words what I feel when I look at the universe that God has created. There is an infinite variety of scenes—as they reach my heart, they each explore new territories there.

It is not an easy task to understand the essence of the written word. For example, to me, the Principle is an amazing revelation. It speaks to our intellect, yet through these words, our heart also tries to capture what God is all about and what He wants to tell us. But to dig into it with emotions and heart, breathing those words in and then breathing them out again, would take a lifetime. The words of the Principle are powerful; but even they are only an outline, more of an abstract projection of a vision of the reality of God.

Have you ever considered how important it is to use the Principle to assist you in working out your personal relationships? The more exposed we are to people, the more we ourselves can be purified, and as a result the bigger the steps and even strides we can make toward perfection. But knowing about the Principle and sitting in a corner won't get us into Heaven. The Principle does not work until we practice it!

Because it provides a basic formula, the Principle should be the standard by which we measure the depth of our life of faith. How can you analyze whether or not the feelings you have are correct? The best thing to do is to use your intellect, tapping the Principle as the basis of judgment. Do the emotions you feel make sense according to the Principle? Are they within God's law or not? The Principle is a tremendous measuring stick. Revelations come to all of us; sometimes they make sense, sometimes they don't. Look to the Principle—it will shine its light, illuminating the truth and banishing the falsehood.

We have an important question to ask ourselves: is God the center of our lives, or are we? How is it possible to tell? If we live by the Principle, we can be sure that He is with us and has become our prominent focus. God

made the law; God *is* the law. Everything in the entire universe—from the reproduction of amoebas, to the way an elevator works—functions according to a certain law.

If you have not been living with God, then hurl yourself into His arms—He'll catch you. It is not an abstract thought; you can do it. You say you don't know how? But you can study words from God, and words from Father explaining the ways and laws of God. You can be enfolded in His arms when you follow His discipline. Study the books and materials that can teach you how. We are truly without excuse. The "how" must be solved by each of us. The "how" has to be the impetus to get us to do it.

God's laws are all around us. The Principle is in action everywhere we look. All of us have to admit that if we think hard enough, we *do* know things about the will of God; sure there are always new things to learn and to incorporate into our intellect and heart and then practice. But it is really a matter of finding the strength to walk the path toward Heaven.

The path is not so well-worn yet because the majority of people do not yet know God's truth, but how fortunate we Unificationists are to be among the first who do. By reading page after page of the Principle and the many words of Father, we grow closer and closer to Heaven all the time.

The truth enlightens us. Through it we are able to see things in more of a proper perspective. Through it we are able to attain a broader vision. We see God and everything that God has created. When we take the Principle in hand and study it, we are able to gain the knowledge to go a certain way toward the goal. If we do what the Principle states, then we eventually *must* reach the goal. That goal is God, perfection—a perfected heart, a perfected love. The Principle expands our horizon and illuminates our path.

The word is here to lead us. It is the way to find God, to finally meet Him. It surely leads us in a certain direction. When we use the first chapter as we should, the Principle of Creation becomes the most important chapter in the *Divine Principle* book. If we understand the structure of the universe and of creation, realizing that polarity and the give and take process are the source of energy, we would see that we are made of the same energy, the same light as God. We would discover that all creation lives by His laws, and mankind must do the same. And once we finally do, we inevitably will reach perfection.

This world is still dictated by Satan's rules and his standards. If we are still attached to those old standards of value and look at the world with

our former view, we may compromise so much that we mix up the past and present. If we constantly compromise, we will never succeed in reaching God or perfection. It is only by judging a situation in light of the Principle that we can be truly fair and unbiased in our adjudication. Unless we acquire the standard of the Principle and the viewpoint of God, we may make the wrong decision. And once we make an erroneous decision, we automatically head in the wrong direction.

The important thing is to live by the Principle and not compromise this standard. There are a million different excuses which Satan will try to hand you—the city is no good so why don't you just forget witnessing; I told you this Principle doesn't work, see *everybody* is negative; you are too tired to go on, why don't you just go to sleep; the central person is no good, he asks too much of you; indemnity? who wants to pay indemnity?—but they are only excuses and when appraised according to the Principle, you will see how shoddy and unrighteous they are. Unless we listen to the whisperings of God—I have prepared many people in this city for you to meet—have faith, they are there; even though you are tired I appreciate so much that you still persevere; please have compassion for your leader, remember he is trying to care for you and reach the goal at the same time; remember that nothing can be restored without some payment of indemnity, even though it may hurt—we do not live with Him. We must become connected to God; the Principle provides a beautiful pathway to do so.

We are called to proclaim God's truth of the Principle. The words we say project something about our inner self. Those words give evidence of where we stand and who we are. Each time we speak, we show others something about our relationship with God. Fifty people may talk about the same subject, but each one comes forth with something entirely different—with unique depth, quality, and power. Before we can convey anything to anybody we should align ourselves with the Principle and with the True Parents. We ourselves have to believe in what we are talking about or no one will accept what we offer.

Your willpower can be strengthened according to the degree of truth you understand. You will reach a certain conclusion when you center upon the absolute truth with your heart and intellect. Once you acknowledge the truth, you are driven to do something. And when you act according to the truth, you can even *will* yourself to do something. Your willpower is developed through the process of give and take between your emotions and in-

tellec, centered upon truth. Even if you falter, don't let Satan defeat you; get up and begin to climb back to the original position you had before you made the mistake. If you know that God is with you, you will have the volition to persevere no matter what happens. You will have the kind of conviction which enables you to stay with God, even if you are the last person on earth who believes in Him. That kind of commitment creates willpower.

You no doubt have heard the famous words of Jesus, "The truth will make you free." While that may be true, I don't believe that the truth will set us free instantly, but rather this is a gradual process. It entails severing ourselves from Satan through acknowledging and practicing the truth. But this is not an immediate thing; there is a time period involved.

If someone is completely ignorant of God's existence, that person may end up worshipping the sun, or even a cow, as his god. But if that person is given the truth, he can come to understand that there is a Universal Prime Force, and that his true God is actually a very personal one. The truth illuminates everything. It brushes all the cobwebs of doubt away and drives away the spiritual darkness.

Mankind has a big problem; we are not free and we are constantly pushed around by Satan. We can't even define whether it is God or Satan interfering in our lives. Whom are we serving? Are we going down to hell or up to heaven? It is often difficult to discern. Yet the Principle is the barometer that can indicate to us which way we are going.

If you live in the light of the truth and Satan still tries to tell you there is no God, you can proclaim, "You are really stupid, Satan. I can explain in detail what God is like. Not only that, I have tried calling on Him—and He was there. I remember all the times you told me my God was dead. But you are wrong. I refuse to believe you anymore." Satan will have no choice but to cower. Ultimately, the truth *does* make us free.

The truth is merely the way or the medium that leads us to God. The Principle in itself is not perfection. It is the road map that points out how to reach perfection. But if the plan is laid out in front of us—showing us the traffic signals, the deserts, and the forests—we can discern where to walk and where not to walk. The goal is God; the truth leads us to Him. That is why it is so valuable. Without the truth, we could never find our way.

Unificationists are saturated with truth and we gather innumerable

life experiences every year. I am sure many people who are spiritually searching would "lick their fingers" after finishing a beautiful feast of truth and guidance, but still look forward to the next banquet with eager anticipation. So many things would be revelations to them. What about us? Do we appreciate all we hear of God's truth, or has it become old and stale? Very few ministers would present to their congregations what we talk about in our meetings. Most would not probe these topics of faith as deeply as we do.

We are overfed with truth. If we don't digest the truth we consume, we may become sick. If we receive too much of it and don't put it to use, we will stagnate. In order to grow spiritually we must digest and multiply it.

The word of God is always the same. It echoes throughout eternity. The only way to get away from hearing it all the time is to become the incarnation of truth. Once you *are* the truth, you don't have to listen to it anymore; you will simply personify it.

It is not enough to know the Principle; you also have to come to understand it. It is important to perceive the suffering of the central figures in God's providential history. Therein lies His struggle, too. When speaking, I do not simply reiterate the raw Principle itself, but rather what is between the lines. Reading the Principle and talking about it is one thing, but relatively few people understand it. Father once said that comprehending the Principle correctly is as difficult as finding one particular grain of sand in the ocean. Understanding this valuable truth is such an arduous task.

You can study the Principle over and over and even if you forget most of its words, there is a grain of sand, a grain of truth—the inner essence and core of the Principle—that you can never forget. The one thing you will remember is that in our conversations together, we were always talking about God, True Parents, God's heart, love, and religious life. After all, in essence that *is* the Principle.

As we come closer to God, we see one miracle after another. Our eyes open ever wider and we see God's nature clearly. We see the loving heart of God, and we recognize God as a personality and as a true parent. But further, we also see how things function so precisely and correctly according to the law. In short, we cannot just live by emotion. We have to live according to the Principle in order to receive the benefit and inheritance of being the true children of God.

If we do not study the revelations given by Father, then what *will* we unite with? We must expose ourselves to the words and directions of Father, or our relationship with God has a greater chance of waning. Inheriting God's truth makes all the difference. Moses did not have it. Even Jesus could not express it in such completeness. We are incredibly fortunate. Many people ask countless questions, yet they cannot discover where the answers are. But those are the very answers that have been imparted to us through the Principle. We should become inspired every day through the word of God that has been given to us.

There are many ways to present the Principle. To present it in a simple fashion is a true art. Yet if it can be introduced so that it comes alive for the average person, potentially people from all walks of life will be able to absorb it. Sometimes people tell us that what we say is so simple it just can't be true. They feel the truth has to be more sophisticated and complicated. Does it? God's truth is straightforward and clear. Its beauty outshines the philosophies of any age in history.

We have to widen our horizons and must not limit ourselves to narrow concepts. We should not just embrace the Principle in a religious sense. It is not necessary to lead a monastic life, so full of restrictions that we do not encompass God's Principle as a whole, or which prohibits us from embracing the entire world.

Learn the Principle by heart. If you are able to mentally photograph each page, do so. Then if you find yourself in a situation where you no longer have the book, you can recite page after page from top to bottom. It is all a matter of starting to study. It just takes a few days to get used to it. Once a student falls out of the pattern of studying, he has to make effort to get back into it again. It may be the same for you.

Read, study, and digest this material. Memorize the outline of it; once you are familiar with the skeleton, you can easily fill in the "meat."

We can combat and defeat Satan by using the word of God. If Satan attacks us, we can retaliate by using those words; they are incredibly strong and powerful. It is a matter of using the word of God in daily life. We will advance spiritually if we do. But we must be prepared; with Satan anything *can* happen and *will* happen. We must always be armed and ready for battle.

Blessings are destined to be bestowed upon people who serve God. If you do certain things, certain effects come about. If you give out love continually, those who receive it eventually have to capitulate. If it is my job to unite one hundred people, I will continue to work to accomplish it, even if initially they are all against me. I know it is just a question of time. Whether their hearts are soft and pliable or hard and stiff, I am absolutely convinced that it can be done. But the only way is by going exactly by the love of God, by His word and law.

It is just a matter of time until all mankind is united, and we all meet God and pay Him homage. It is also a matter of time until the whole world is restored. Father is very well aware of this. That fact alone must certainly be what keeps him going sometimes. He knows that the law functions and everything moves within the law. And he knows that the original mind of man relates to this law. When the will of God inspires us, something happens inside. Step-by-step we become more obedient to God. Our original mind then becomes the receiver; this communication process goes on throughout the rest of our lives, both consciously and unconsciously. In short, there is no way out. Everybody must get to Heaven; nobody can stay in hell forever. That has been predestined by God.

Throughout the centuries people have been buried under an avalanche of the word of God, but still they never understood it. We have the same problem. You could feel absolutely submerged in a sea of speeches, and may read the Principle countless times but still not understand. Often it is the basic contents that are perceived wrongly. But if you have a hard time understanding it, it may be that you have not yet cultivated a basic respect for the word of God.

We must give value to every word that God speaks—whether it is the printed or the spoken word. Many times God wants to speak through our leaders or brothers and sisters; many times He chooses to speak to people we encounter in everyday work situations, and when we fundraise or witness. We should consider the multi-faceted nature of God and try to comprehend and cognize what He is trying to get us to realize, because it is the word—His truth—that impels us to walk home to Him.

The Principle shows us the way to God; it explains His will and unravels the mysteries of God. Once we are perfected beings, we will incarnate the word and be totally free from Satan. But until we know or understand the word of God completely, we cannot perceive it. Therefore, we are still on the road toward perfection.

It is dangerous for anyone to accept the Principle as the word of God

but then make a conscious decision not to live by it. Unificationists will one day be judged by the word of God. We are judged by the word because we *do* understand. And since we do, we must always strive to live according to it.

The Principle is incredibly powerful and has great impact on our lives. We come to possess great spiritual power when we use the Principle with both our intellect and heart. We cannot simply digest the truth and wash our hands of the matter. In good conscience, we cannot believe it to be an important truth but then stray from it; rather we must live and work by it.

There is only one set of God's principles. There is only one set of spiritual and physical laws. Although God created those principles, even Satan uses them. Unfortunately, Satan *misuses* them. No matter how much we may wish that the laws of the physical world (such as the law of gravity) didn't exist, if we don't obey their principles, we have to suffer the consequences. Spiritual laws are no different. They rule us and when we don't obey them, we also suffer certain effects.

The Principle explains many of the teachings in the Bible which Christians have not been able to fully explain or understand. It ties together both the Old and New Testaments, clears up many of the symbolic meanings, and brings to light a number of the parables. A great many theologians and religious people have spent lifetimes looking for a substantial and logical interpretation of the Bible; we have been given what they have searched for. Now God compels us to share it with others.

We must never be content with our present understanding of the Principle. Rather we should always seek to refresh our memory and knowledge of it. We have to continually study the truth—individually, as families, as church communities. Although we must study its words, we must also research the essence of what is implied but not written. In order to discover more answers and facts, we must investigate both the origin and the result of the Principle. We should also examine what happens once we use the Principle. We should detect how we can utilize it. And we especially must unearth how it can be instrumental for our own salvation and the redemption of all mankind.

If we find it difficult to handle our own emotions, it may be that we do not understand the truth well enough. Another possibility is that we don't *want* the truth to be true! We don't want to admit that we are in the wrong. We want to have things our own way, and consequently may even negate or dismiss the truth.

When people become self-centered, they unwittingly set up spiritual roadblocks. If we were more centered on God, we would then naturally ask Him to reveal His truth to us. We would appeal to know about His heart and His way of thinking. When we are centered on God, we naturally focus upon His truth and do our best to live it.

The majority of people in this world are spiritually asleep. We are the ones God is depending upon to awaken them. How? We must instill the confidence in people that we have something new, and it has the answers they are longing to uncover. We cannot simply explain this truth as a philosophy, but must stir their hearts so they can feel the Principle is *their* salvation as well. We must get across to them how God works today; God's power must be visible to them.

If we fulfill the Principle, the whole creation responds. If we do not fulfill the universal laws, the cosmos stays dormant and is unable to reply.

Through our words we can either uplift people or destroy them. The words we speak become the instruments to convey and express our heart and intellect. God used the word to create the whole universe and He gave His word to Adam and Eve. The fact that the word evolved into a whole creation indicates what great power it has. In the gospel of John we read, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God." The word of God explains His will. Everything came about through the word or law of God. The word eventually evolved into the tangible universe, and God's hope was finally made manifest.

Man was made in the image of God. God originally intended that since man used the same language as God and through words could project his heart and intellect, man was supposed to become the incarnation of the word. If he would have become that manifestation, every word we speak would be the word of God.

We have the power to create through the word just as God did. We can create a spiritual ambiance, or even something tangible. We can help others

to become inspired and to discover many insights. Through our words, we become architects of a certain structure—of a new universe. And we can get many assistants to help us erect it. The word of man, centered upon God, is incredibly powerful.

Yet the reverse is also true. The word of man centered upon Satan can be destructive. Jesus intimated we should use our words to encourage people, not devastate them. We must be conscious that things we say can either bring people closer to God or away from Him. We should convey positive elements, not negative ones. And the best way to communicate is through the spoken word.

The give and take process between human beings takes place through vibrations and through the perception of all our senses. But the highest form is through language. You are handicapped in communicating with another person if you do not speak his language. But two people who speak the same language can much more easily convey what is in their hearts and minds.

The point is that we have to take responsibility to speak Principle and God's word at all times. When we do, we become co-creators with God. Yet if we use our words to destroy, we must answer to God. We must use the word of God, and what we speak must be pure and uplifting. It must be positive and elevating; we must fashion something which is divine.

The only way to get rid of ignorance is through truth. Once you have the knowledge, you can do something on the basis of that knowledge. But if you are ignorant of certain laws and principles, you will act accordingly. You will act as though you are in the dark, because in the spiritual sense, that is actually where you are. However, if you are enlightened, you are able to behold many things. You don't have any fear of going into a dark room. You know for sure that there is a light switch and when you turn on the light, you will be able to see everything. And you know that once you have turned on the light, the room will be much more serviceable to you.

Through the truth, the universe will serve you. Darkness—whether physical or spiritual—is always an obstacle, an object of fear. God has called us to obliterate ignorance—both spiritual and physical. And to do that, we must walk into the realm of knowledge that brings power and ultimate freedom .

We have to proclaim the truth in such a way that people know any person can become one with Him when he understands and practices

His will. The first thing is that the will of God must be revealed and proclaimed. Once somebody reveals the highest truth, it can be brought to others.

Learn the truth. Truth leads us to understand love. As chapter one of the Principle tells us, in order that the greatest joy can be produced, both a subject and object are needed.

Once we understand the purpose of creation, we begin to learn much more about love. We learn whom to love, why to love. And as we do, we naturally pray for people and for God's cause. We also come closer and closer to living according to true heartistic values.

When we go to school, we have to do our homework in order to pass our courses. We must do something similar in relationships. We must learn how to relate with God and humanity, with heaven and earth. We also need to learn what processes occur within our hearts—the emotions of love and respect. We have to understand how we function and how to relate to God. Absolutely nothing just falls from heaven.

Through the word of God, we can understand how to reproduce any of the wonderful feelings we have felt before. Through the Principle we can learn about proper relationships, for example, how joy is produced. We can learn much about love. But if we should lose any of those feelings, we can regain them again because we possess the formula—the Principle.

We should come to understand the will of God and His master plan, the how and why He created the whole universe. It is important that we realize how everything functions. Then, even if someone were to take away all the books, we could still re-create ourselves because we are already engrafted in the True Parents' lineage through the Blessing. We have the pattern and mold and to some extent, the Principle is already manifested in us, and our hearts are already beating according to the will of God. In the future, mankind will live according to His will and behave as God originally desired. That is when His master plan will be indelibly engraved on our hearts.

God's master plan for human beings is that we become "the incarnation of truth." Become that incarnation of truth! When you do, you can even recopy the Principle from the imprint it has made on your heart.

Because we are overfed with truth and love, we find it hard to digest

things, yet the tendency to be judgmental and critical is far too developed within our hearts. If we were wise, we would put aside those kinds of feelings and open ourselves up to God. We would be humble and like an obedient little child, ready to absorb more of God's truth and heart. When you connect with God, you will understand this more deeply. Consider the spiritual content and quality of truth that is given in the Principle—it is a tremendous and dynamic force. It is true spiritual gold.

I truly believe that Unificationists have been given too much. We just don't know what to do with the treasure we have received. But someday the accusation may come that for all we received, we returned much too little. If that were to happen, we would have to pay for our actions somehow. But we do not necessarily pay by our own volition; payment is confiscated by Satan. He is also extremely knowledgeable about the Principle. The unfortunate thing is that *he* abuses it.

If Eve would have fallen only with the archangel and not tempted Adam to fall with her, God could have carried out the providence of restoration much differently. Yet because both falls occurred, the spiritual and physical laws of God were violated; as a result, Adam and Eve died spiritually. Although their physical bodies did not die at that moment, they were governed by deadened spirits.

If Eve would have fallen but repented before involving Adam, she could have been restored through him. Adam would have been her messiah, and through certain conditions she would have had to fulfill, God could have restored Eve to perfection. History would have been so different. But once Adam crossed that invisible border between *true* life and death, there was no return. Adam and Eve had been given the laws of God, but they both violated them.

Unificationists need to understand and embrace God's law, the Principle. Once we live in accordance with the Principle, our physical and spiritual selves will receive all the benefits that God can bestow upon a perfected human being.

Whatever comes into conflict with the universal law of God brings disaster and separates us from Him. We then lack fulfillment and more easily deviate from His will. And this just cuts us off from Him and blocks us from experiencing Him. But whatever we do every day toward the fulfillment of our purpose of creation—being a son or daughter of God—and restoring ourselves back to Him, opens a new world for us. A new vision comes; we see God for who and what He really is. It is His Principle which assures us of all this. It is jam-packed with amazing things. We only need to study it and look around to discover them!

We have the formula. The Principle teaches us how to behave and cope with whatever confronts us. When we live in line with this truth, other things will automatically be taken care of. But once we step out of that realm, we are on our own and subjected to Satan's laws.

Life will be a challenge even in the restored world. Building a marriage and raising a family will provide enough to contend with. But we will be capable of dealing with these challenges because we are fortunate to be able to use the Principle as a guideline. For instance, the Principle elucidates that if we give total love to our partner, God will naturally be within our midst. But if we do not apply the Principle, how can we expect that it will work automatically? It works only when it is applied correctly.

God gave His word to us. When we listen to it and acknowledge that it is true, we feel a great deal of joy and ecstasy. We may even feel as though we are in Heaven. What does this truth touch first? Does He reach us through the intellect? How can God move our heart with His love?

When you come before God in prayer, you virtually come all alone. You may feel an overwhelming feeling in response to your prayer. But then what happens? Do you feel love or do you simply feel good? You sit before God and communicate with Him with closed eyes. Sometimes you may sit there with no specific goal in mind, but do you feel something or do you just pray into nothingness? We may concentrate on visualizing Him and whisper, "God" or "Father." Even from uttering those simple words, great emotions well up within our hearts. Sometimes we don't even have to speak those words before we feel overwhelmed by unrestrained feelings of love and warmth.

In order to meet God we need to create a foundation. Once the foundation exists within us, we don't have to beg Him for anything external to help us. We must work on becoming the incarnation of truth; we must learn the Principle and digest it. We have to enact the Principle and typify the word of God. But it is very difficult to define where that journey begins.

If God would not speak to us, it would be impossible to detect whether or not the overwhelming feeling was coming from Him. Even when Moses talked to God he must have asked, "Is that You, God?" And God must have answered, "Sure it's Me!"

God desires to live within us. In order for us to allow Him entry into our hearts, we must restore through indemnity the historic separation between God and man that took place through the fall. Although there are many relationships to be restored, the most significant is the one man has with God Himself. The word—the truth—helps us understand how.

Once we become incarnations of the truth, the spirit of God will be able to flow within generations, families, societies, nations, and finally throughout the entire world. What a great task we have!

According to our personal level of growth, each one of us has a different vision of manifesting the truth. Therefore, when we take responsibility to lecture the Principle, to evangelize, or to counsel, it is important that we are connected to God. The truth has eternal value and we must be careful how we express it. A person must be aligned and centered upon God before he begins to teach the Principle. Once a person becomes inspired by the spirit of God, the Principle will make sense, elevate, and give new life to him. Once our heart is touched by God's heart and intellect, we will more easily project what He has to offer. We must withdraw inspiration from God's "truth bank," especially when we teach His word.

If you have embraced the Principle for many years already, you may not study it on a daily basis as you used to. Therefore, you might have forgotten some of its clarity, beauty, and effervescence. But when you hear or read the words again, you may be awakened and revived. The refreshing waves of truth can do so much to mend a tattered heart and restore vitality to a lifeless spirit.

The word of God is like fire. Anyone who is spiritually open might see lightning and fire with every word Father utters—albeit in different intensities. But beautiful spiritual colors surround True Parents—white and yellow, gold and blue, various shades and tints of green. If you could see these colors, you surely would feel elevated and heartened.

The truth is a fierce and fearful thing. It is a great advantage to know the truth, but if you know it intellectually yet don't act upon it, you will find yourself in a spiritual quandary. We are judged by the truth we hear.

All the differences between Unificationism and Christianity will eventually be wiped away. The spirit of Christ will go forward, and Father's ideology will be absorbed by many people.

But currently ideologies and certain religious decrees are still quite

fragmented. Today, many people teach parts of the Principle without even knowing it. However, some people have read or listened to the Principle and agree with many of its tenets, but may edify them under a different label. Soon enough, all credit will be given to God. Then the true author of the Principle will be known and people will recognize the identity of these truths. It is just a matter of time.

It is no wonder that the greatest truth also has the greatest impact. If a little child comes and tells you that five plus six equals eleven or that adding four and six makes ten, you accept his level of intelligence because he is still a child. But as he grows older, you can instruct him not only to add the numbers together, but deduct one from the other, and even divide or multiply them. Later you can even discuss percentages and square roots with him. When you teach a child something new, you expose him to greater ways of developing his potential.

In order for a person to achieve greater results, he must be taught a higher and superior truth. If you want God and the highest realms of spirit world to work with you, you have to speak the most advanced truth. When you do, spirits from those realms will cooperate with you. Therefore, do not hesitate to speak the greatest truth. Though yet unformulated, the most sublime experiences of love are to be found within the Principle.

Give others God's highest principles. Even if those people rebel against you, later on they will compare what they know with what you taught them. Sooner or later it will become clear to them that the Principle is by far the highest truth. Sometimes we lose sight of its preciousness, but we should study the Principle and teach it with both the diplomacy and wisdom God Himself would use.

Don't shove the Principle down people's throats. Neither be completely jovial and engage only in horizontal conversation with a person without bringing forth the message you want to reveal. Unless there is something attractive in your words, a person may no longer care to talk with you. Unless you bring him something which he can really gain from, he may not even want to see you again. But if you leave something behind that impresses him, and upon which he can meditate and reflect, the moment you leave, the wheels in his mind will start to turn.

It is human nature that people grasp what truth they can. It is just as "human" for them to use it on their own level and create their own bliss on that basis. It is up to us to deliver the goods; they have to take the next step.

God created the Principle. And that very Principle assures us that if

we do certain things, the energy of love will be created and flow. And that energy will elevate and embrace us. It will help us fulfill all our dreams, and satisfy all the longings hiding deep within our heart. But the first step to empower the force of love to engulf us, is to live according to the Principle.

A leader should be strong enough to drive out any devil by using the Principle. If a principled person sees something unprincipled, he will naturally experience an inner uneasiness and may also feel the compulsion to change the situation.

We are concerned with an eternal education process, one that has lasting value. The day will come when we will all look back on our past and definitely discern which periods of our lives were good—which brought us closest to God and consequently had the greatest bearing on our personal development. We will also be able to see clearly which leaders and brothers and sisters blocked our chance to develop and come closer to God because of the weaknesses within their own characters.

It will become obvious that principled leadership had the most profound impact on our lives. Those leaders who were involved with you emotionally, uplifted you, complimented you, or placated you by always providing good times but who ultimately failed to help you overcome, were not necessarily principled leaders. None of us will ever get to Heaven unless we overcome our problems. But we will never do that by giving in to weakness. Judgment comes through the Principle. It is the sword or the fire; it is the word of God. When we measure ourselves next to the Principle, we can adjust accordingly. We can see whether we are right or wrong, whether we are in God's realm, and whether or not we do the will of God.

If a leader does not preach the Principle and tell you in an honest and straightforward manner what the will of God is—what traits you should keep and which you should discard—you will change much too slowly, if at all. Your spiritual strength will not develop but stagnate and may even deteriorate. If you don't find the motivation to come closer to God, you will decay internally. The Principle is the standard, and as we walk the path home to our God, each of us should gauge ourselves according to it.

You should not remodel or alter the Principle when you talk to someone in hopes that by reshaping it to his ideas, he will accept it. If a person is too stubborn or for whatever reason does not understand, it is *his* loss, not yours. The Principle must remain the Principle. Tell the person that whether or not he can accept it, it *is* true that the universe is created in

such a way that one entity should serve another. Explain to him that there is an interrelationship between all entities in the universe. Make sure you express that we believe this is the basic structure to exist, multiply, and survive. Tell him that the purpose of man and the purpose of creation will be fulfilled according to the accomplishment of certain conditions. Reveal to him that the basic Principle says that no one is made for himself. Every person and every entity in the entire universe is made to fulfill a higher purpose. The Principle is the Principle; it should not be reconstructed to accommodate the ideas of someone else. Just outline the parameters of the Principle to him. Perhaps his ideas will fit, after all.

Father has brought a new revelation; it excited us enough that we even desire other people listen to it. But in order to convey the Principle, we must study it; we must understand each principle correctly and try to transmit them. One important thing is that we should not argue with people when witnessing. Rather we should listen to what a person has to say, but be careful not to waste time. Unless we make a great spiritual impact upon the person, it may be the last time we see him. As quickly as possible, explain the identity of Father and the revelation he brings.

Check yourself by the ultimate standard of the divine truth—the Principle. That should be the best reason to study it. But study itself is not enough. You have to enact the Principle. When you do, you gain life experience. Then you can talk about both its theory and practice. When you can do that, your words and deeds may be stimulating enough to kindle the hearts of others and inspire them to come alive spiritually.

All you have to know is the Principle. When you do, you will be able to understand everything—from the human body to economics. You will even gain valuable tips on how to manage your personal finances effectively, properly, and profitably.

The word—the truth—is what leads us toward living in the world of heart. Yet heart is the origin of everything. Love couldn't exist without an instrument to produce it. God's heart existed before His love could be manifested.

The truth was revealed to explain the nature of heart and love. During

this course of restoration, we must go the reverse way. Therefore, we must first concern ourselves with embracing the truth. The next step is to love. And love will naturally lead you to manifest heart—your own heart as well as the heart of God. When you have both of them, you will possess the greatest possible treasure!

Emotions are just one effect of the workings of the Principle. If we live within the framework of the law, then all the benefits that come from God through the fulfillment of that law will be ours. When we live according to His will, our heart will rejoice! The element rejoicing within us is the stirring of our emotions.

Through the Principle we are able to see more clearly who God is, perceive what He thinks, and even ascertain what He feels. Through the medium of His word, we are definitely brought closer to Him, and can understand Him in far greater ways. That is why the word of God—the truth of God—is most important for us to learn. During certain eras God was not able to convey His heart and word to the people because they were not prepared enough and could not perceive what He was saying.

There is little of God's law that was revealed before Abraham. Through the lessons of Abraham's time however the people received a much clearer picture of our Heavenly Father. For the first time, God could reveal something of His inner self through the commandments He gave Moses. God's heart, God's understanding, His way of thinking, and even what He thought about human society at that time, were disclosed in those words.

Yet when Jesus came, he revealed even more about the nature of God. He talked about how God is our father. He taught mankind God's basic law: we must love one another. Even though so few people saw Jesus, people throughout the last two thousand years have been able to understand and communicate with God based on the words he gave us.

The same is true for us today. Father has disclosed so much more about God's nature; the word of God coming through Father explains how God thinks, how He feels, and what our task is. Through the word—through the Principle—we are able to reach God. That is why we consider the word to be our daily bread. Father urges us to partake in feasting on it every day. The Principle is so precious—it is our clarifier, it is our magnifier, and it is our beautifier.