

Levels of Understanding the Divine Principle

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"If you were to read twenty or thirty pages of the Divine Principle black book each day continuously, then your level of spirituality would go up and continue to rise daily." Rev. Sun Myung Moon

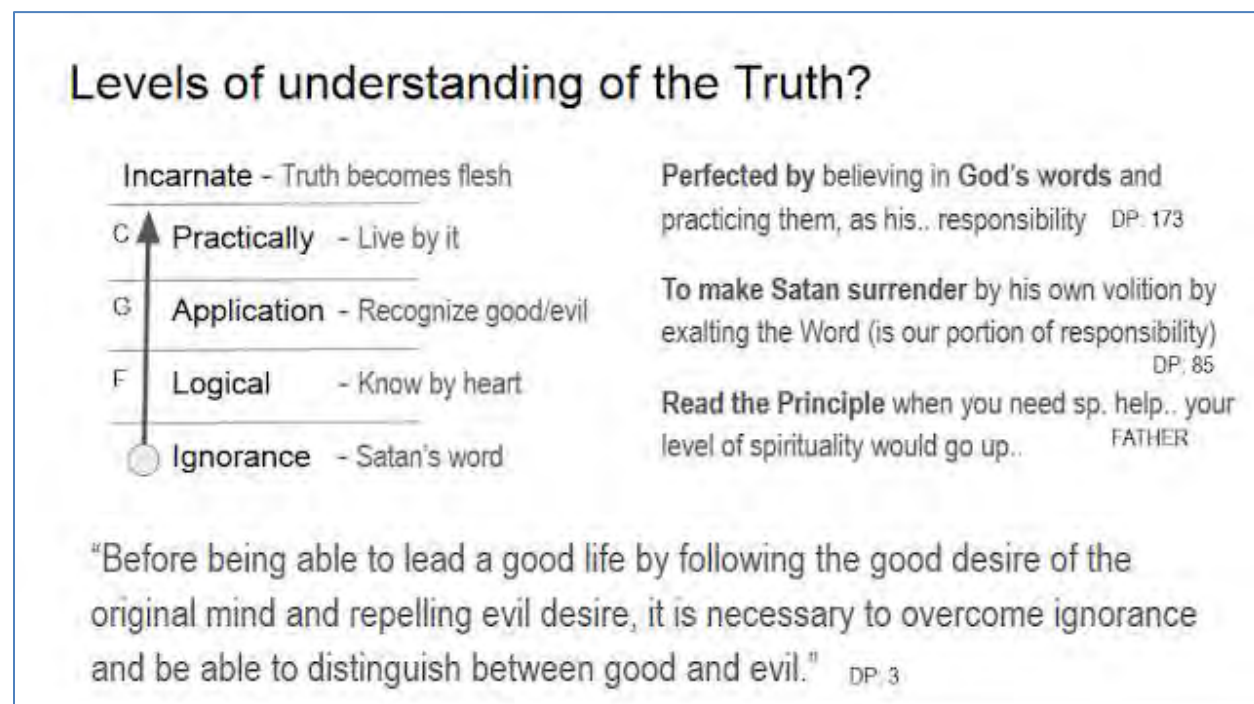
The New Truth, Divine Principle explains, is to 'help fallen man resist the evil and attain goodness' (Divine Principle p.10) Father told us to read the Principle minimum 20 times, just to have personal protection from Satan. Remember Jesus explained, that we have 20 to 30 thoughts per minute, coming from 20-30 spirits, including Satan. So we have to separate good and evil in our own mind, that's why knowing God's universal principles correctly is crucial for our spiritual life.

Different levels of understanding the Truth:

- Logical (Formation Stage)
- Application (Growth Stage)
- Embody (Completion Stage)

There are different levels of understanding and aligning with the Truth. Reading the Divine Principle several times, it's not enough. Knowing it by heart is still formation stage, yet many of us didn't reach it. There are much deeper and more important levels of practical understanding and incarnating it in our life. On this chart we can easily check our own level. If we don't know the Principle well, we are in Satan's realm. Evil spirits can always invade our own thoughts.

"Before being able to lead a good life by following the good desire of the original mind and repelling evil desire, it is necessary to overcome ignorance and be able to distinguish between good and evil." Divine Principle, p.3



Four Levels of Understanding the Principle

Formation stage of understanding is when we know Divine Principle logically -- nearly by heart. How many members are on that level? How many STF members read Divine Principle 20 times? In reality, most members are in the very beginning of the Formation stage, many not even there. True Father explained, that this is the reason members and second-gen leave the Church.

Growth stage is to know the Application -- that takes much deeper attitude of search, interest and prayers. Shallow view and partial knowledge of Divine Principle are not enough. We have to connect these principles with the every-day real situations; understand practically what's good and evil in complete accordance with the Principle.

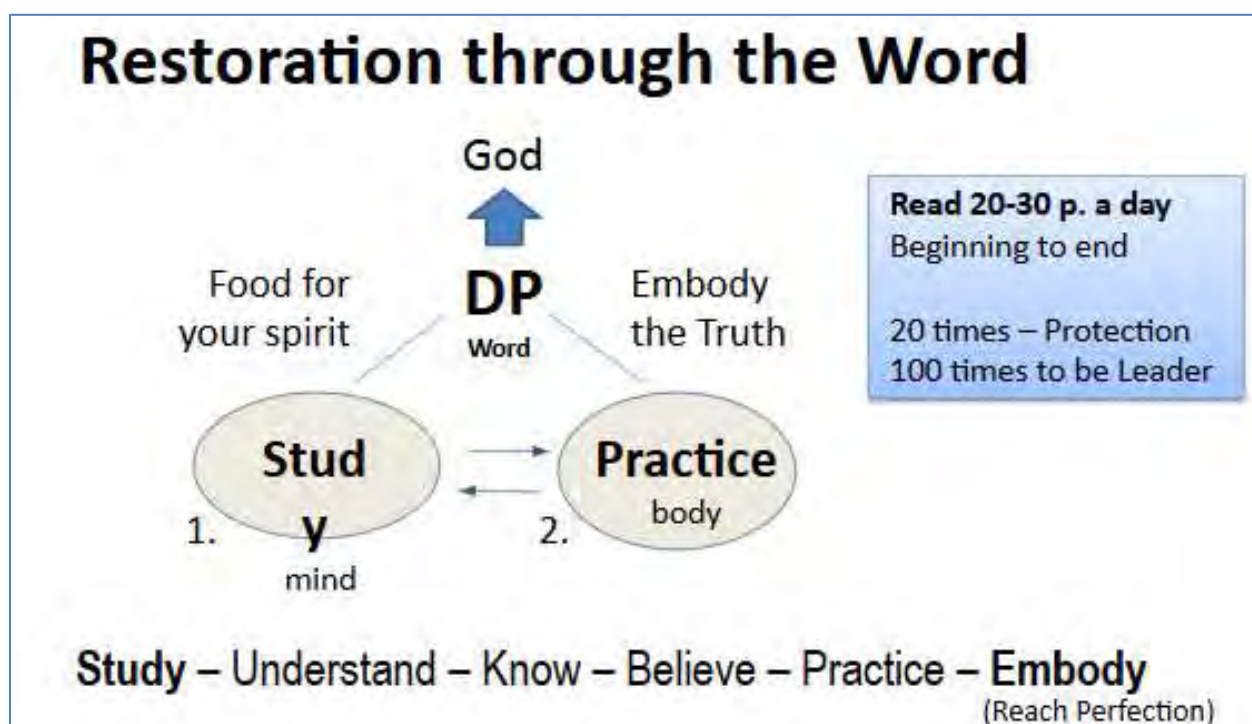
Completion stage; Understanding the application is one thing, but living by it is the stage of Completion. With repetition of the correct, true living, finally practicing the truth will become automatic, subconscious way. Therefore we become Perfect incarnation of the Truth.

It is long and difficult process to study, learn, practice and finally incarnate the Truth. Divine Principle guides us all to embody (Incarnate) the Truth! That's where God's Kingdom starts, not outside, but in our hearts.

Restoration through the Word

Therefore, practice without reading is also impossible, because we have to embody the Truth, not some other philosophies. True Father says: Read minimum 20 times for protection from Satan, minimum 100 times if you are a Leader (to protect others).

Without studying The Divine Principle you cannot practice to make the Foundation of Faith (in FR). I saw year after year STF not studying, not knowing and practicing some strange, wrong excusing concepts. So we made this Education and solved this problem.



It takes personal efforts (our 5% responsibility); to study, the principle way – pray, think about it and push yourself to apply it, believing this is the way. Why? Because first Satan will try to convince you that's not the way, by blocking and attacking you. If you give up, Satan wins. Instead of learning the True Way, you would end up with false excuse philosophy.

For example, "Oh, I get blocked when thinking of my external goal, so I should not set high goals". Not only Satan won, but you're now creating satanic philosophy to excuse that and you're desperately spreading it.

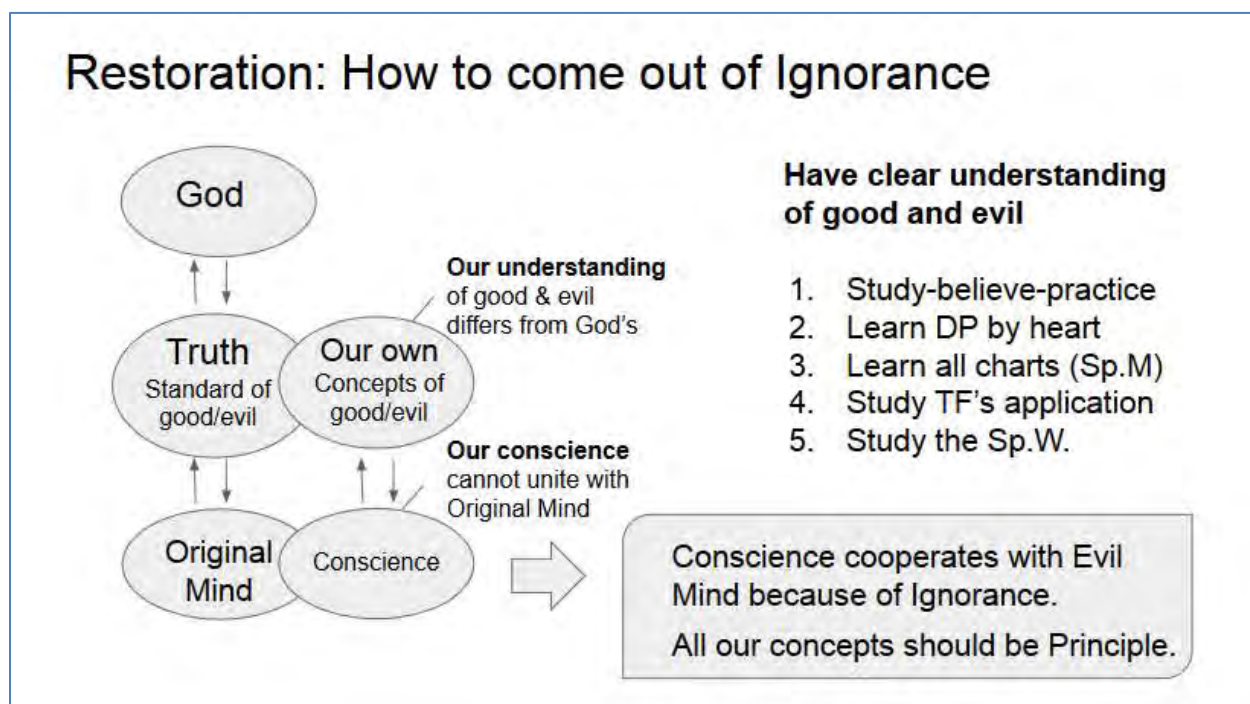
Do you understand why we never reached perfection, we were always fooled by lying spirits on the way, so we could not embody the Truth. Instead we go against it. Please understand how serious it is to carefully study the Truth. Read Divine Principle minimum 20 times, beginning to end, for personal protection from Satan – not to fool you in your mind... 100 times to be a leader, who can separate others from Satan. ([True Father's explanation](#))

We Grow Incarnating the Truth

We grow spiritually in accordance to how much we incarnated the Truth. Truth corrects our concepts of right and wrong, good and evil. The Principle is the New Revelation promised by the Bible, that can bring all humanity out of the Ignorance and unite us with God's Love.

Our Conscience works based on our understanding of the Truth. If our understanding of good and evil

deviates from God's Absolute Standard, our own conscience can unite with the Evil Mind and go against God. This is why even people of faith can fight each other. Until there are different understandings fighting will never stop.



Aligning your concepts with God's Principle takes years and years of study, believe and practice. It cannot happen with 1 or 2 readings. Reading and praying is vitally important, but not enough to change the concepts in our subconsciousness, which are already automatic. We need to practice -- gain new experiences, and through repetition make the true way automatic.

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Unity of Life and Faith: Practical Understanding

I think many members still separate Faith and Real life and that makes it hard for them to Witness, because they want to find theologically oriented person. But life and faith are not separated. So people are interested in so many solutions that the Principle presents.

On first place, People have families and want to learn how to solve problems. If you understand Divine Principle well, you can help them so much. They will be so grateful and practice it. You see Divine Principle is not religion (faith)... it's real life solution.

Another area Divine Principle helps is health. Illness is result of spiritual problems. People yearn to understand and solve these problems. I constantly help them. People want to get rid of these sicknesses and Divine Principle (UT) helps explain and solve everything. Problem is when we don't understand Divine Principle on practical level. We have to learn!