

Principles, Policy, Politics

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I. Introduction.

A. People are all unhappy despite having so much because they want change.

B. Policy must be tied to principle in order to be productive.

C. Principles are universal truths.

1. Principles are not invented they are discovered.

2. Principles cannot be broken because they are invented by God.

D. Text: Psalm 1.

II. Blessed is the man who does not establish policy based on the counsel of the wicked.

A. David saw the law of God in a unique way—He saw it as the outworking of God’s principles in society.

B. David understood that the law represented the character of God in a practical way.

C. Success is the result of delighting in God’s law.

D. There is no substance when one is not living by God’s principles regardless of outward success.

E. The way of the wicked will perish.

F. The tension for believers is introducing biblical principles without making it sound like religion.

G. Being salt and light is being different for the sake of the prosperity and witness.

Application questions:

1. What are principles? Give some examples.

2. How can success through principle be a witness to the world?

3. In what areas does the church often fail to employ principles? How will you be held accountable in living a principled life? Explain.
