

# Three Basic Principles of Life

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: John 12:23-26.

B. There are three basic principles that a person can live by.

## II. Death is the prerequisite to fruitfulness.

A. If you are unwilling to do what the Spirit wants you to do, you are unqualified to do what you want to do.

B. If a disciple dies to himself, he will spring forth disciples of Jesus Christ.

## III. Hatred is a prerequisite to life.

A. The one who hates his life will keep it—the one who loves it will lose it.

B. It is a constant struggle and there is always a new test.

## IV. Service is a prerequisite to honor.

### **Application questions:**

1. What does it look like to die to oneself?

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2. What things do you struggle to “hate” in your life? Explain.

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3. How can you reach out to serve those better in your circles.

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