

THE FIRST PRINCIPLE

Keep the First things FIRST

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8 WEEK CLASS

1. Blessings & Cursings
2. What does it mean to love God?
3. Who are the True Disciples? (Solid Foundation)
4. Authority & Submission
5. Learning Obedience
6. The Greatest Faith
7. Obedience is greater than Sacrifice
8. Reaping & Sowing

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BEWARE

Jesus said to BEWARE 10 times - 9 times it was dealing with the same subject. Could this subject be important?

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BEWARE

- * 3 Greek Words for BEWARE
- * *prosecho* - To bring near - Pay attention to
- * *blepo* - Look at this (often translated SEE)
- * *phyllasso* - To be on guard against.

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BEWARE

- * Jesus uses the phrase BEWARE - 10 times
- * 9 out of 10 times it refers to... What?

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MATTHEW 7:15

15 “**Beware** of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.
16 You will recognize them by their fruits.

21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ 23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

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MATTHEW 10:17

16 “Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. 17 **Beware** of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, 18 and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. 19 When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. 20 For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

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MATTHEW 16

5 When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to bring any bread. 6 Jesus said to them, “Watch and **beware** of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” 7 And they began discussing it among themselves, saying, “We brought no bread.” 8 But Jesus, aware of this, said, “O you of little faith, why are you discussing among yourselves the fact that you have no bread? 9 Do you not yet perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered?”

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MATTHEW 16

10 Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? 11 How is it that you fail to understand that I did not speak about bread? **Beware** of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” 12 Then they understood that he did not tell them to **beware** of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

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MARK 8:15

14 Now they had forgotten to bring bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. 15 And he cautioned them, saying, “Watch out; **beware** of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.”

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MARK 12:38

And in his teaching he said, “**Beware** of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces 39 and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, 40 who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

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LUKE 12:1

In the meantime, when so many thousands of the people had gathered together that they were trampling one another, he began to say to his disciples first, “**Beware** of the leaven of the Pharisees, **which is hypocrisy**. 2 Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. 3 Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops.

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LUKE 20:46

45 And in the hearing of all the people he said to his disciples, 46 “**Beware** of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, 47 who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

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BEWARE OF RELIGIOSITY

- ✦ I have given you a dangerous weapon.
- ✦ You now have the potential for Hypocrisy.
- ✦ What is a Hypocrite?

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MATTHEW 7:1-5

“Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. 3 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye?”

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MATTHEW 7:1-5

5 **You hypocrite**, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. 6 “Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.”

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MATTHEW 7:1-5

- * Hypocrites are always focused on what someone else needs to do, but ignore the things which they themselves need to do.
- * Don't be a hypocrite.
- * This class can be a Lens or a Mirror
- * Refraction vs. Reflection