THE PRINCIPLE OF FAITH (1)

1) When we experience a spiritual "slump" it may not necessarily be "backsliding." 1) What is it that validates the Christian's faith? That makes it something more than the "faith" of the religionist or the humanist? Instead, what does John Darby suggest God may be doing? (p. 6) 2) The "tree illustration" on pages 6-7 is very helpful in understanding the stages of growth in a believer. If we do not grasp this concept, what may happen? 2) What is the constant enemy of faith in our hearts? 3) Reread carefully the quote from Graham Scroggie on page 8. Have you experienced "the idle days...etc."? How did you respond? Why does God allow these times in your life? 3) Note the quote by Alexander Hay (p. 10). Can you rephrase/put in your own words? 4) When we talk about God using "time" as a factor in producing significant growth, how much time do you envision? How much time does Stanford say was average for other great believers? What was it that they began to know that changed their lives? (p. 8) 4) What must end (or decrease) in order for our dependence on God to increase? (p. 11) 5) If it is God at work in me over a period of years and decades, what should my response be in the "now"? (p. 8-9) 5) What is (are) the limitation(s) to our faith? (p. 12) 6) What is the difference between God "putting us in a place of victory" and God "enlarging us to possess"?

THE PRINCIPLE OF TIME (2)

THE PRINCIPLE OF ACCEPTANCE (3)

THE PRINCIPLE OF PURPOSE (4)

1) What are the 2 essential questions the believer must settle? Why?	1) What did God intend for man? What did he lose in the Fall? What were (are) the results?
2) State in your own words the "precious fact" and "wonderful fact" (p.10)	2) What is God seeking to do today in each of us? And how is He "still carrying outHis original purpose"?
3) What about your relationship with God changes when you "walk in the flesh"? What does not change? (p. 11)	
4) Explain the process of "reasoning" that goes on between the believer and the Holy Spiritboth "correct" and "incorrect" (p. 11-12) What are the results of each?	3) How can the truths of Rom. 8:28-29 help us to deal with pain and difficulty in life? (i.ethe "open secret")
5) Which of the statements on pages 12-13 strike closest to your heart? (Which one did you need to hear?) Why?	4) What role does failure play in our lives as believers? What is a wrong response to it? A correct one? God's goal?
6) What motivations may God use to draw you to Him? Which does He prefer? Why?	5) The quote from Norman Douty is significant. Do you understand? Agree? Can you restate the idea concisely?

THE PRINCIPLE OF PREPARATION (5)

COMPLETE IN HIM (6)

1) What role does awareness of need play in spiritual growth? (28-29)	1) Explain the "after his kind" principle. How are we "after" Adam?
2) Why is it that spiritual "endeavors" (evangelism, urging people to "get right", etc.) too often meet in failure?	2) Put in your own words the two main aspects of this principle.
	3) What is/is not our role in spiritual development? What should/should we not do? What is our part?
3) Why does God allow us to fail?	
	4) The long quote from J.T. Beck takes some digesting. Read it as many times as necessary to put his point(s) in your own words. (note: it took me several readings!)
4) Realization of what concept/idea will move us forward on the road of spiritual reality? (30)	5) How are we in our spiritual growth like a seed?
5) "God demands our best as Christians. We must strive ceaselessly to perfect spiritual discipline, for through it comes holiness. We may fail at times, but God wants us to try our best." <i>Evaluate this statement.</i> (31)	6) How do we lose the battle? What is it in the attitudes/actions described that bring sure defeat?

THE PRINCIPLE OF APPROPRIATION (7)

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1) Appropriation is not gaining something new, but	1) Evan Hopkins: What is it that "troubles" the justified believer?
2) The ability to appropriate is based upon two essentials:	2) Andrew Murray: What is indispensable to our sanctification?
	3) Wm. R. Newell: Analyze the word "death" in this quote. How is it used? What is its meaning(s)?
3) The link between seeing provision and discovering need is found in	4) R. Paxson: What or who died on the cross with Christ?
4) It is vitally important to realize there is often a gap between	5) Watchman Nee: What is the role of the blood in your life? Of the cross?
5) T. Austin Sparks visualized: Truth Truth Truth established in ————————————————————————————————————	6) T. Austin Sparks: Outline the 3 phases of our spiritual experience.
6) Time is necessary to in our lives. I t must be real if God is to to other's lives!	7) Reginald Wallis: What difference should the cross make in my day-to-day life?
7) Quote rewrote: God will use tomorrow the one who is responsive to	8) Jas. McConkey: What is your relationship to sin? How did the cross change it?

THE PRINCIPLE OF CONSECRATION (9)

I. PREPARATION BY GOD 1) A growing, personal knowledge of Jesus Christ is possible only if we first _____ 1) Maturity cannot be _____ 2) Maturity requires ______ and _____ of the growth truths. 2) Contrast the two patterns of spiritual growth given. What are the distinctives and dangers? 3) Maturity necessitates a _____ for Him. II. PROBLEMS FROM MEN 1) We are urged to **do** because of _____ 3) What should be our response to spiritual failure? Look at the experience of the "young Christian" Metcalfe describes. Can you identify? 2) "Doing" is impossible without first _____ 3) "Knowing" means understanding— • to obey does not equal to obey 4) How does God "work by paradox"? How can bad times be good? Pain bring hope? • Ability to obey must be ______ appropriated Failure bring success? III. PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS 1) We must examine the ______ of our service 2) We must approach God _____ 5) What is the difference between being "weak" and being "dead"? 3) We must serve in the power of _____ • by _____ the identification truths • by applying ______ to our daily lives

THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF (10)

SELF-DENIAL (11)

I. HOW WE DEAL WITH SIN:

Mortification	<u>Conquest</u>	٦
Remove the remove the sin	Feeding the	
Training Good equal good people	Revivalismmy faith	2) How does salvation "train" us for substitution?
Growth As I get older, I'll get	<u>Cleansing</u> patrol	3) What is our part in salvation/substitution? What is the Spirit's part?
Experiences Hook up		
II. HOW GOD DEALS WITH SIN: 1) The sin source is dealt with		4) Why is confession alone not an effective means to bring change?
2) We escape sin's and _	at the cross.	
3) As in salvation, so also in		5) What is our part in obtaining the victory of the Cross?
4) As we stand in faith, looking to God. He	in our lives.	

THE CROSS (12)

1) Why is Calvary the starting point for growth and Godly living?

DISCIPLESHIP (13)

PROCESS OF DISCIPLESHIP (14)

1) What is a "disciple"?	1) Describe the "shiny, happy Christian" stage. What does it look like? Act like? Dangers? (p. 57)
2) What does "taking up one's cross" NOT mean? ("a cross" vs. "THE cross.") (54)	2) What must happen to move us beyond this stage (Human and divine aspects)? (top of 58).
3) What kind of person is willing to take up the Cross? What makes the Cross become more attractive? (54-55)	3) What is God's motivation for discipleship? (p. 58)
4) What IS involved in taking up one's cross? Put it in your own words. (55)	4) Explain the "corn of wheat" analogy. What is the process God takes it through? What will it look like in real life? (p. 59)
5) Evaluate your life in the light of this chapter. Are you walking as a disciple? Outline actions steps you can take now to begin or continue "maintaining the fellowship of the cross." Form your answer into a prayer.	5) "Christ could not enter to the glory of heaven until He had first given Himself over to death." What is the implication of this truth for His disciples? (p. 60)

<u>REST (15)</u>	<u>HELP (16)</u>
1) What is the value of "labor"? How do explain the paradox of struggling to enter rest?	1) What's so wrong with seeing Jesus as our helper?
2) How is our comprehension of identification like learning a foreign language?	2) What do you think of Wm. Newell's quote about "Satan's great device." Give several examples of ways we fall for this tactic (what do we ask?).
3) On the top of p. 63, Stanford lists 3 major "rests of faith." What are they? Explain briefly the content of faith as best you can (how do YOU understand each one?).	3) Why could God never answer a prayer for help in the matter of justification? Sanctification (growth)?
4) Why, when we yield, does the self-life appear more alive than ever?	4) What is the difference between "asking" and "begging"? (according to F. J. Huegel)
5) How is the first stage of faith a "labor" or "battle"? (p. 64)	5) How does Tozer say we ask amiss (wrongly)?

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CULTIVATION (17)

1) What does God do in cultivation?	1) Are times of spiritual dryness good or bad? What could be the reason(s) behind such times? What attitude is God seeking to develop in us during long, hard times?
2) What is God's purpose in cultivation?	2) What is the difference between being "born again" and experiencing "sonship"?
3) Why is cultivation necessary for effective service?	3) What are the "externals" spoken of (89)? How and why are we drawn away from them? Explain "from 'do' to 'be'."
4) Why is cultivation necessary for effective prayer?	4) What is the place God wants us to reach (90)? What does the author mean when he mentions "gifts"? Why do they become less important as time goes by?
5) Why is cultivation necessary for effective discipleship?	5) The road we travel in Christ is long and sometimes exhausting. What thoughts can we bring to mind to encourage us when we are impatient, feel like giving up, don't understand why God has allowed something, etc.? (C. A. Coates)
6) Why is cultivation necessary for proper motive?	

CONTINUANCE (18)