

NEW COVENANT CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

SERMON NOTES

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The Principles of Access!

“You cannot have influence with people you do not have access to!”

Be accessible!

To be accessible means capable of being reached.

To be accessible means being within reach.

To be accessible means easy to speak to or deal.

Being accessible in one space may open doors of access to another space.

KJV Isaiah 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

“Here am I; send me. “

I

What are principles?

Principles help to produce consistent results and outcomes.

Principles don't change.

Principles work anywhere.

Principles are designed to protect the product.

Principles are not broken. When they are violated, they will break you.

The Bible sets forth many patterns and principles

"If you want to get a divine result, you must use the divine pattern"

Dr Edwin Louis Cole

The principles you build your life on, determine your outcomes, progress, behaviors and results. Principles are called precepts.

KJV Psalms 119: 4 Thou hast commanded us to keep thy **precepts** diligently.

KJV Psalms 119:168 I have kept thy **precepts** and thy testimonies: for all my ways are before thee.

A precept is a *formal* statement by an authority of how people should behave.

A concept is something **conceived** in the mind.

A concept and a precept are related but distinct terms, often used in different contexts.

Concept:

A concept is an **abstract idea** or a general notion that represents a category or class of objects, events, or phenomena.

It serves as a mental representation that helps us understand and categorize experiences.

Concepts can be broad (like "freedom" or "justice") or specific (like "triangle" or "photosynthesis").

They are foundational to fields like philosophy, science, and psychology, as they help structure our understanding of the world.

Precept:

A precept, on the other hand, is a rule or principle intended to guide behavior or action.

Precepts serve as a directive or a guideline, often with moral or ethical implications.

Precepts are commonly found in religious, legal, or educational contexts, and they are meant to inform individuals about how they should act or conduct themselves.

For example, "Do not steal" or "Treat others as you would like to be treated" are precepts.

In summary, while a **concept** is an abstract idea that helps us understand broader categories, a **precept** is a specific guideline or rule that directs behavior.

II

The principle of **access**:

Access is granted by relationship: The book of **Ruth 2** the field

KJV Ruth 2:1 And **Naomi** had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the **family of Elimelech**; and his name was **Boaz**. 2 And **Ruth the Moabitess** said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in **whose sight I shall find grace**. And she said unto her, **Go, my daughter**.

Access is granted because of **need**: **John 4, Luke 7:9**

NIV John 4:4 Now he had to go through Samaria.

NIV Luke 7:3 **The centurion** heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. 4 When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, 5 "This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." 6 **So Jesus went with them**.

Access is granted by curiosity:

Acts 17:16-21

Acts 17:16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. ¹⁷Therefore disputed he in the **synagogue** with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the **market daily** with them that met with him. ¹⁸Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection. ¹⁹And **they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is?**

Access is granted by **favor**:

Esther 4:16

Esther 4:16 Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and **so will I go in unto the king**, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.

Access is granted by **divine intervention**: **Revelation 3:9**

KJV Revelation 3:9 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an **open door**, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

Access is granted by reference.

Moses Avila

KJV John 16:23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Whatever ye shall ask the Father in my name**, he will give it you.

You need a reference when your resume is not that good. You need a reference when you are a stranger or unknown. You need a reference when you need stronger credibility. My resume is not that strong in heaven, nor my credibility, nor my history, but I have a reference the blood and his name is Jesus.

III

Be on time, be punctual or be early when access is granted!

Be prepared once access is granted!

Be persistent in **pursuing** your assignment when access is granted!

Be excellent in your **presentation** and **performance** when access is granted!

Be ready to praise God when access is granted!