

THE PROMISE PRINCIPLE



The Promise Principle is a powerful tool to teach men how to hear the voice of God through reading the Bible. It calls men to a daily God connection in which He speaks clearly through His Word and promises **transformation**, **power**, and **direction** in our everyday lives, (Romans 12:2, 2 Peter 1:3-4). Men engaged in The Promise Principle experience what we call the **“new accountability”**. The old style of accountability focuses on sin management, while this new accountability propels men forward, igniting a passion to seek, hear, and obey the voice of God. This is where **freedom** in Christ becomes evident in our lives. God can then truly use us to inspire those around us to follow Him.

HOW IT WORKS

How The Promise Principle Works

Most men never actually read the Bible outside of church, let alone on a daily basis. In The Promise Principle, the goal is not the quantity of what is read, rather what is revealed. We read one chapter, repeatedly each day, for a week which allows us to meditate on what God is saying. Typically one or more verses and a general theme will stand out as the Holy Spirit impresses them on us. This is where God speaks to us clearly.

The mechanics of a weekly Promise Principle group:

- Before you open your Bible, pray a simple prayer of surrender and ask God to show you what He wants you to see next. Don't look for what you want, rather look for what God is showing you. Be open.
- Read the current week's chapter daily (see next section below). If you miss a day, simply start again.
- As God reveals a verse or verses to you, highlight or underline them, pray and meditate on them. Build the discipline of daily reading His Word and you will become a miner of "God's Gold." This is why we re-read the same chapter daily each week.
- Once you start to see the verse or verses that God is showing you, determine if they are a **Promise**, a **Truth** and/or a **Command** (it can be one, two, or all three). Click here for Promise, Truth, Command Defined. When you meet with your group, you will share this as well as your verse.
- Next, it is important to journal what God is speaking specifically to you. Start by listing your verse followed by whether it is a Promise, Truth and/or Command and why. Finally, write a prayer to God for yourself listing the words of life He speaks to your heart. This is a time where you take action and obey what He has asked of you. Tell God what you are going to do next. Again, this prayer is for you, not "us."
- Be mindful in prayer, asking God to put someone on your heart that you could invite to your Promise Principle group. The world needs Jesus!
- **The Promise Principle weekly group structure:** Open in prayer. Then read the current week's chapter aloud, trading off verses or paragraphs as you go around the group. When you are done, take turns sharing your personal Promise Principle from the week and praying for yourself at the end. Reminder: This is not a prayer for us or we, instead it a prayer to God telling Him the action steps you are going to take from what He has shown you. Encourage each other and build relationships outside of your group time as God prompts you.

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- If you are unclear on anything, ask one of your Promise Principle leaders to explain it in more detail.
- Every 6-7 weeks, we use our group time to discuss God's **Plan, Vision, Dream** that He is stirring in each of us. Click the link in the section below to read more about this powerful week.
- Promise Principle groups typically meet weekly for 1-hour. When we meet together, God shows up with His presence in ways that He might not when we are on our own (Matthew 18:20).
- We have 2 leaders per group because Jesus modeled having His disciples go out two by two (Mark 6:7, Luke 10:1).

"I admit that I haven't yet acquired the absolute fullness that I'm pursuing, but I run with passion into His abundance so that I may reach the purpose that Jesus Christ has called me to fulfill and wants me to discover." **(Philippians 3:12 TPT)**



PROMISE, TRUTH, COMMAND

Promise, Truth, Command Defined

Consider using the colors below when highlighting the verses God is showing you. When you look back and see them, you will know immediately what that verse means to you. Employ these simple focuses as you read God's Word and you will find that your faith journey will launch to a new level.

Promise = Red

What do you do when you see a stop sign? Not a trick question—you stop! When you learn that God has promised you something, there should be no more anxiety, worry or doubt. All of God's promises are “yes” and “amen!” When you see a promise in God's Word, stop and reflect on it. Once that settles, immediately surrender any doubts or anxiety to God and trust Him at His Word. When we daily surrender our “good, bad, and ugly” to Him, we receive FREEDOM in return. What an amazing gift!

Truth = Blue

This one is very simple. Truths are facts. The sky is blue, and there's no argument about it. Similarly, let's fully receive God's truths when we read them. This daily trust in Him allows us to stay surrendered and free.

Command = Green

We GO on green. When God shows us a command in His Word, we are to immediately obey. Easy right? Also, your fellow Promise Principle brothers can help remind you to do what God has told you to do when commands are given and shared. A true disciple obeys the Father.

PLAN, VISION, DREAM

Plan, Vision, Dream Defined

Through Promise Principle Groups, our community with each other goes deeper as we continually encourage and inspire each other to hear and obey God's voice in our lives. Every 6-7 weeks, we drill down and focus on God's specific direction for our lives.

Follow this simple step by step guide for Plan, Vision, Dream weeks:

- Spend your week in prayer. Go over your journal and pray and seek what areas He is calling to the surface. Stay in His Word daily; consider this using this daily reading plan: <http://mydailysoap.org>
- Distill what God has brought to the surface.

Plan: Your next step. Examples: Starting to tithe, reading SOAP daily, surrendering something to God, forgiving someone, leading something, a job change, starting family devotions, getting your body into shape, etc.

Vision: Something you believe God wants you to go after that is not currently in place, but you can see it in the distance. It can be vague—just an idea—something to pray on. It can also be very clear, but still in the vision phase (no action or plan in place).

Dream: Something huge you sense God wants to do in your life—way beyond your own dreams, yet you can't shake what God is telling you. A dream in The Promise Principle is something only God could do through you and you cannot do on your own.

- You do NOT have to share something from each category of Plan, Vision, Dream. It can be one, two or all three. God will clarify this as you seek Him.
- There are no "right" or "wrong" topics for this session. It's a powerful opportunity to share what God is speaking to you that needs to be put in motion.
- It is OK to share something you've previously shared; especially if you are still focusing on it and there is nothing new that God brought to the surface. The point is for us to pray together and keep each other accountable for where God is taking us.