

## Genesis Foundations Series

### Creation Principles: What Can I Learn from God's 7 Day Creation Process?

<sup>31</sup> Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. <sup>2:1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. (Gen 1:31 – 2:2)

***It seems that God followed the specific creation timeframe to set a pattern for mankind:***

<sup>8</sup> "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it. (Exo 20:8-11)

#### 1. Establish Your Purpose (why?)

- (Col 1:16) *For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.*
- (Isa 45:18) *For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: "I [am] the LORD, and [there is] no other.*

#### 2. Develop a Plan (what?)

- *Planned Outcome (What does it look like when finished? - design): Ultimate Goal. A creation that was "very good." (Gen 1:31)*

#### 3. Establish a Process (how?)

- *Planned Process (What steps are necessary?)*
- *Planned Resources (What is needed?)*
- *Not just an end-product but a plan – steps to get you there.*
- *Basic Resources (what?) prerequisites*
- *Daily tasks for daily "goals"*
- *Separate into Distinct Functions and/or Projects*
- *Sustaining - not only to begin but continue*
- *Build Lessons into the Process (male, female; Sabbath rest) Think beyond the moment.*
- *Sensible - greater and lesser light*
- *God planned overall with every step having its own goal of completion*

#### 4. Utilize Progressive Steps and Logical Order

- *Start from the Beginning*
- *What comes first?*
- *What comes next?*
- *Work from A to Z*
- *Build on Previous Step*
- *Meet prerequisites before moving on*
- *Simple to Complex*
- *Disorder to Order*
- *General to Specific (?)*
- *Label as you go*
- *Record your progress*

#### 5. Designate Your Point of Focus

- *Prioritizing of effort*
- *One major focus (God focused on earth & mankind, not other places/projects)*

## 6. Determine Your Parameters (Rules, Regulations, Order, Orderliness, Structure, Infrastructure)

- *Planned Rate (When will this be completed? What is the timeframe of the steps to finish at this time?)*
- *Start Date, End Date*
- *Schedule (six days for a completed project; six planned days of specific work)*
- *Designated Timeframe*
- *Specific Goals in a Specific Time*
- *Limited Focus Each Day*
- *Limited Work Load Each Day – a day's worth of work for a day*
- *Limited Project for the Week*
- *Work six full days, rest one day*
- *Not strung out endlessly, or done all at once.*
- *Rest After Set Time (daily quitting time?; weekly day of rest)*

## 7. Digress at Regular Intervals to Evaluate

- *Based upon plan*
- *Based upon accurate criteria*
- *Daily (at the end of each step)*
- *Weekly (at the end of the project)*

Three Words: PURPOSEFUL PLANNED ACTION

<sup>12</sup> So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom. (Psa 90:12)

<sup>15</sup> See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, <sup>16</sup> redeeming the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. (Eph 5:15-17)

Plan, and then action

Persistence until completion

God had the right and power to act

Structure and order were built in

Variety - God worked with various scopes of focus and materials (thorough?)

He worked with micro and macro planning to make the earth wholly habitable and enjoyable for man.

(1 Corinthians 9:3 NKJ) My defense to those who examine me is this:

(1 Corinthians 9:3 ESV) This is my defense to those who would examine me.

(1 Corinthians 9:3 BNT) Ἡ ἐμὴ ἀπολογία τοῖς ἐμὲ ἀνακρίνουσίν ἐστιν αὕτη.

(1 Corinthians 11:28 NKJ) But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

(1 Corinthians 11:28 ESV) Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

(1 Corinthians 11:28 BNT) δοκιμαζέτω δὲ ἄνθρωπος ἑαυτὸν καὶ οὕτως ἐκ τοῦ ἄρτου ἐσθιέτω καὶ ἐκ τοῦ ποτηρίου πινέτω.

(2 Corinthians 13:5 NKJ) Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?-- unless indeed you are disqualified.

(2 Corinthians 13:5 ESV) Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

(2 Corinthians 13:5 BNT) Ἐαυτοὺς πειράζετε εἰ ἐστὲ ἐν τῇ πίστει, ἑαυτοὺς δοκιμάζετε· ἢ οὐκ ἐπιγινώσκετε ἑαυτοὺς ὅτι Ἰησοῦς Χριστὸς ἐν ὑμῖν; εἰ μὴτι ἀδόκιμοί ἐστε.

(Galatians 6:4 NKJ) But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

(Galatians 6:4 ESV) But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor.

(Galatians 6:4 BNT) τὸ δὲ ἔργον ἑαυτοῦ δοκιμαζέτω ἕκαστος, καὶ τότε εἰς ἑαυτὸν μόνον τὸ καύχημα ἔξει καὶ οὐκ εἰς τὸν ἕτερον.