
The Principle of the Path 2: The Principle Introduced

The Principle Applies to YOU

1. What You Choose Determines Your Outcome

- Paths Lead to Predictable Places
- Choices of Paths Lead to Predictable Places
 - "Just as there are physical paths that lead to predictable physical locations, there are other kinds of paths that are equally predictable." *Principle of the Path*, p. 2

2. This Is a Principle

- It Is Not a Law or Command to Follow
 - You cannot break it
 - You cannot avoid it
- It Is a Universal Truth
 - It still applies whether you know it, believe it, agree with it, or reject it
 - It impacts every person in area of life

3. Your Choices Regarding a Principle

- You Can Learn a Principle, and Leverage It
- You Can Ignore a Principle, and Regret It

4. The Principle of the Harvest

- You reap what you sow.
Gal 6:7-10 ⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

5. Results of Embracing the Principle of the Path

- Avoiding Regret
- Avoiding Wasted Time

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☐ Wizard of Oz: *She just kept following that yellow brick road, and eventually she found herself in the wonderful Land of Oz. Why? Because there was something special about Dorothy or her companions? No, because that's where the yellow brick road led, and that was the path she chose. (p. 10)*

Wouldn't it be great if there were a yellow brick road that led to wherever it is you want to go in life? Imagine a yellow brick road that led to a marriage that made you want to come home early every day. What about a yellow brick road that led to financial security? Or a yellow brick road that led to better health? (p. 10-11)

☐ Highway 41

1. Know the Difference Between _____ and _____

- _____ = _____
- _____ = _____ and a Change of _____

2. What Is Usually Needed: A _____ of _____

One gets to the place one wants to be the same way one got to the place one didn't want to be—by putting one foot in front of the other and moving in a specific direction. (p.11)

I've talked to many individuals who want to discuss their problems. But they don't really have problems. They have chosen to live in the wrong direction. They don't need a solution. They need a new direction. (p.12)

3. _____ Are Simply _____ on a Chosen _____

But just as there is no fix for accidentally winding up a hundred miles from where you want to be on a road trip, there is no fix when you wake up to the reality that you are far away from where you want to be financially. (p.12)

What we experience as unrelated isolated events are really steps in a specific direction. And like every physical path you've ever ventured down, this path has a specific destination. (p.13)

"It will work out somehow" is self-deception.

4. _____ –Not Intention– _____ Our _____

The direction you are currently traveling—relationally, financially, spiritually, and the list goes on and on—will determine where you end up in each of those respective arenas. This is true regardless of your goals, your dreams, your wishes, or your wants. The principle of the path trumps all those things. Your current direction will determine your destination. (p.15)

Simply put, you and I will win or lose in life by the paths we choose. (p.15)

Generally speaking, we don't abandon the clearly marked paths because we are looking for trouble. (p.16)

5. Your Choice: _____ Path or _____ Own?

You don't have problems to fix; you have directions that need to change. It is time to begin living in the right direction. (p.17)

- Ps 17:5 Uphold my steps in Your paths, *That my footsteps may not slip.*
- Ps 23:3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.
- Ps 25:12 Who *is* the man that fears the LORD? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.
- Ps 37:23 (ESV) The steps of a man are established by the LORD, when he delights in his way;

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