



# **The Foundation** *Followers / Disciples*

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**1 Peter 5:8 (AMP)**

**8 Be well balanced (temperate, sober of mind), be vigilant *and* cautious at all times; for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring [in fierce hunger], seeking someone to seize upon *and* devour.**

## What we mean by Balance:

a. 'Sober' (KJV).

'Self-Controlled' (NIV).

'Well-Balanced / Temperate / Sober of Mind'  
(Amp)

b. Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary.  
(Read - Definition)

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Commandant

“Love God with all your Heart, Soul, Mind & Strength”

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**The Foundation can be reduced to one Word:**

**IDENTITY.**

## **The Foundation:**

### **Our IDENTITY – Our BELIEFS**



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## Matthew 16:24-27 (NKJV)

**24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 25 For whoever desires to save his life (“psuche”) will lose it, but whoever loses his life (“psuche”) for My sake will find it.**

**26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul (“psuche”)? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul (“psuche”)? 27 For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.**

## 1 Peter 4:1-5 (NKJV)

1 Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, 2 that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. 3 For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles when we walked in lewdness, lusts,

drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. 4 In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with *them* in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of *you*. 5 They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.



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**Identity breaks down into 3 sub-categories:**

**a. Who is God? What is he like?**

**His Will**

**b. Who Am I before & after Christ / God?**

**(My will / His will >>Positional**

**c. What does God / Jesus want of / for me?**

**His will >>Progressive**

## **Foundational Principle #1:**

**When building your basic Beliefs and Doctrines, stay in the New Testament.**

- This is the covenant we live under.**

## **Foundational Principle #2:**

**To understand the Old Testament, we must determine if the Doctrine has:**

- a. Stopped at the cross.**
- b. Changed at the cross.**
- c. Came through the cross – unchanged.**

**(What I Believe will make me who I AM...)**



## **Foundational Principle #3:**

**Settle it that the Scriptures are the Accurate / Inerrant word of God.**

**(2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21)**

## **Foundational Principle #4:**

**Since Jesus / the Word is the Foundation, we must study it, learn it, know it. The Better we do, the stronger our Foundation will be. (It is taught / revealed by the Spirit)**

**(2 Timothy 2:15)**

## **Foundational Principle #5:**

**The better we know and are able to hear the Holy Spirit, the easier it is to understand the scripture.**

**(Romans 10:17; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16)**

## **Foundational Principle #6:**

**Be Convinced by the Spirit - Not other people, circumstances, experiences, etc.**

**(John 16:5-15; 1 John 2)**

## **Foundational Principle #7:**

**Understand We're Growing. It's a Life-Long Winding Road of Growth.**

**(Heb. 5:11-6:3; 2 Peter 1:3-12)**

## **Foundational Principle #8:**

**Even after having been saved, we can still be lost for eternity.**

**(Heb. 6:4-8; 10:26-31)**

## **Foundational Principle #9:**

**Living in the Fear of the Lord.**

**(Isaiah 11:2; Heb. 5:7; Luke 12:5; Romans 3:18; 1 Peter 1:16-17; 2:17; Revelation 19:5)**

**SOME items to include in our Foundations:**

**I AM LOVED BY GOD  
UNCONDITIONALLY!!!!**

**(John 3:16; Romans 5:8;  
8:35, 37-39; 1 John 3:1)**

**I AM GOD'S CHILD!!!!**

**(John 1:12; 1 John 3:1-3)**

**I AM IN COVENANT WITH GOD!!!**

**(Matthew 26:28; Luke 22:20; Hebrews 8 & 9)**



1. **Basic Summary - W/L: Tenants of Faith.**
  2. **Luke 6:48 - Dig down until you find solid footing.**
  3. **Matthew 22:38-40 - Love God with all...  
- Love others as yourself...**
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4. **John 14:15; I John - Obedience.**
  5. **John 14:16; 16  
- Transparency, Honesty, and Intimacy with the Holy Spirit. ('You will need to learn to walk this life - ultimately just you and him')**

**6. Know the basics of the New Testament and what they mean. (Know them well enough you could teach them)**

**a. Know your state of growth.  
(Heb. 5:12-14)**

**b. Doctrine of Righteousness. (Heb. 5:13)  
- Involves Training ourselves in  
Discernment.**

**c. Repentance from Dead Works. (Heb. 6:1)**

**d. Faith Towards God. (Heb. 6:1)**

**e. Doctrine of Baptisms. (Heb. 6:2)**

**f. Laying on of Hands. (Heb. 6:2)**

**g. Resurrection of the Dead. (Heb. 6:2)**

**h. Eternal Judgment. (Heb. 6:2)**

## **7. John 16:8-11**

- Hearing and Submitting /  
Surrendering to the Convincing /  
Conviction of the Spirit.**

## **8. Romans 8, Gal. 5**

- Dying to and overcoming the flesh.  
(Comes into play in servant hood,  
and disciple)**

**9. Always choosing to side with God / trusting him.**

- God has no darkness. He cannot lie.**
  - He's the same.... No shadow of changing with him.**
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- He is not a respecter of persons.**
  - He is faithful, righteous, holy, true, just, fair, unbiased, treats all people equally, without sin.....**
  - He is the Lord and Master.**
  - He is the Almighty.**

- **He has no sin / darkness in him.**
- **Everything he does is correct.**
- **He doesn't cause destruction in our lives.**
- **His Love for us is not Conditional on us in any way.**

## **10. Learn how to rightly divide the Word of God. (2 Tim. 2:15)**

**(Especially: the Old Covenant from the New Covenant)**

**Example: Following after signs.**



**11. You're going to need to learn how to walk this alone / by yourself - just you and him.**

**- Everything he does in our lives is done individually.**

**(Rebirth, Justification, Sanctification, Redemption, Healing, Deliverance, Baptism with the Spirit, Water Baptism, Receiving, Ministering, Judgment, etc.)**

**12. Learning how to get what you need from the Spirit instead of alcohol, a drug, an addiction. (Eph. 5:18)**

**13. Learn to live in the attitude of forgiveness.**  
**(Mt. 6:14-15)**

**14. Learn to live a life of full submission /  
surrender.**

**(Jesus is 'Lord': "Master, Owner,  
Ruler, Keeper, Controller, One with  
Servants")**

## **15. Learn to speak his languages:**

- a. Faith. (Romans 10:8)**
- b. Tongues. (Acts 2:4, 39)**
- c. Dreams & Visions. (Acts 2:16-18, 39)**
- d. Prophecy. (Acts 2:16-18, 39)**

## **16. Learn how to recognize the voices that are speaking to you.**

- a. Flesh / Old Nature.**
- b. Mind / Will / Reasoning / Emotions.**
- c. Holy Spirit, Jesus, Father.**
- d. Demonic, Angelic.**
- e. Fellow Humans.**

## **17. A Scriptural Working Knowledge of the Last Days.**

**(1 Thess. 5:4-11)**

## **18. Be imitators of God. (Ephesians 5:1-2)**

**Be perfect / mature like your father in heaven. (Matthew 5:48)**

**As he is, so are we in this world.  
(1 John 4:17)**

**19. We must guard against becoming to rigid, proud, stubborn, etc. - that we are unwilling to allow the Spirit to keep working on us & changing us.  
(Mark 7:13)**

**20. Know you are Righteousness of God in Christ.**

**Positionally - 2 Cor. 5:21**

**Progressively - Rom. 6:16-20**



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandant

“Love your neighbor as yourself”

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## **5-Fold Foundation. (Eph. 2:20)**

- **Paul says Apostles and Prophets (probably referring first to those who wrote the scripture.**
- **But the he refers to: Household; it continues to rise and grow – according to Eph. 4:11 > needs the 5-fold.**

**The 5-Fold: Equip, Mature, Lead, Steward,  
Promote, Guard, Protect,  
Activate, Provide Safety &  
Stability for the Church's  
Growth. (Eph. 4:11-16; Acts  
20:28-31)**

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## **(Jesus' Five Points for the Church)**

**1. We are living in the Laodecian Church age.**

**A. The overwhelming majority of so-called Christians are just that: so-called.**

**2. Satan, the devil, is a personal and powerful adversary.**

**A. He is anointed.**

**3. If we ever expect to have the power of God manifest in our life, we have to live the life.**

**A. Not just talk it but walk it.**

**4. As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the coming of the son of man.**

**A. Mankind has two priorities: wealth and pleasure.**

**B. Everything else is secondary.**

**5. Matthew 3:11-12. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is going to come with Fire. He will burn up the chaff in the Christian. That will take tribulation to accomplish it.**

**A. This is the primary evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.**