## Biblical Principles



As a body of believers, we recognize we must be committed individually and corporately to Biblical principles. Little Light House (LLH) has identified the following as a vital part of our corporate structure in order to keep Christ as the cornerstone, and to conduct our operations in a way that brings glory to God. Those who serve at LLH have been called to His ministry, and these Biblical Principles help us remain accountable as we are committed to living out God's standards set forth in God's Word, the Holy Bible.

We corporately agree we all fall short of the glory of God and operate by His grace and mercy. We also recognize we must rely on each other for encouragement, accountability and grace. (Romans 3:22-26)

- **1. Purpose First and Foremost to Glorify God:** "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." *Matthew 5:16*
- 2. Put God First: "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33
- 3. Serve Only One Master: "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." Matthew 6:24
- **4. Trust Christ:** "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." *Proverbs 3:5-6*
- **5. Pray:** "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." *Philippians 4:6*
- **6. Believe for God's Divine Provision:** "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." *Philippians 4:19*
- 7. Expect Transformation: "And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." 2 Corinthians 3:18
- **8. Trust in Divine Timing:** "Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." *James 1:4*
- **9. Show Hospitality:** "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." *Hebrews 13:2*
- **10. Guard against Favoritism:** "My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism." *James 2:1*

- **11. Value all Children:** "People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. But Jesus called the children to him and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'" Luke 18:15-16
- **12. Commit to Excellence:** "But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving." 2 Corinthians 8:7
- **13. Be Accountable:** "So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God." *Romans*
- **14. Plan God's Way:** "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." *Jeremiah 29:11*
- **15. Be Committed to Financial Freedom:** "The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender." *Proverbs 22:7*
- **16. Be Committed to Christ-like Conduct and Lifestyle:** "Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel." *Philippians 1:27*
- 17. See Purpose in the Death of a Vision: "Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."

  John 12:24
- **18. Recognize God's People are Called:** "Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble."

  2 Peter 1:10
- **19. Value Relationships:** "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over." *Matthew 18:15*
- **20. Be Committed to Servant Leadership:** "Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." *Matthew 20:26-28*
- **21. Delegate:** "You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him. Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave. But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens." *Exodus* 18:19-21
- **22. Submit to Authority:** "Obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart." *Ephesians 6:5-6*

- **23. Preserve Unity:** "Make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind." *Philippians 2:2*
- **24. Operate as One Body:** "For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." Romans 12:3-5

The Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point, fully equipped to do good to everyone. *Il Timothy 3:16-17* 

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