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Principles for Spiritual Life (Part Seven)

Principle 1: He's God and we're not.

Principle 2: God doesn't need us but we desperately need him.

Principle 3: What God demands, he supplies.

Principle 4: what you seek, you find.

Principle 5: Active faith releases God's power.

Principle 6: There is no growth without struggle.

Principle 7: What God starts, he **finishes**.

This principle gives us **hope** in hard times.

*"What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?"
Romans 8:31*

I. Three Truths You Can Depend On:

A. First, God is **faithful**.

"Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His loving kindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments; DEUT 7:9

God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful." COR 1:9

B. Second, God is **good**.

"Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in his goodness: otherwise you also shall be cut off." ROMANS 11:22

"Or do you think lightly of the riches of His goodness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?" ROMANS 2:4

C. All God's **promises** will eventually be fulfilled.

"The Lord gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there. And the Lord gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the Lord had given all

their enemies into their hands. Not one word of all the good promises that the lord had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass” (Joshua 21:43-45.

The Lord will **complete** his work in us.

“The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, o lord, endures forever” PSALM 138:8

The entire work of **salvation** is guaranteed by God.

“For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. and those he predestined, he also called; those he called, HE ALSO JUSTIFIED; THOSE HE JUSTIFIED, HE ALSO GLORIFIED.” ROMANS 8:29-30

Our salvation begins in heaven, comes to earth, and ends up in heaven.

II. Seven ways to apply the seventh principle:

A. We can be certain of our **salvation**.

"Tell us that eternal life is only to be found in Jesus Christ and that those who believe in him may 'know' that they have eternal life." JOHN 5:12-13.

B. We can be confident of God's **purposes** for us.

“He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”
Phillipians 1:6

C. We can have **comfort** in the midst of confusing circumstances.

“For we know, all things, work together for good, to those who love god, who are called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28).

D. We can remain **calm** when the world is in turmoil.

E. We can have hope when our **progress** seems so slow.

F. We can **encourage** others who are faltering.

“Think of ways to encourage one another to outbursts of love and good deeds. and let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near” Hebrews 10:24-25

G. We can **wait** patiently because we know the end of the story.