

Principled Part 5: Because I Said So

*“And now, Israel (children of God), listen carefully to these decrees and regulations that I am about to teach you. **Obey** them so that you may live, so you may enter and **occupy** the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you.” Deuteronomy 4:1 NLT*

✓ We will only **occupy** the place where we **obey** God’s principles.

*“Look, I now teach you these decrees and regulations just as the Lord my God commanded me, so that you may **obey** them in the land you are about to enter and **occupy**.” Deuteronomy 4:5 NLT*

✓ We don’t have to **figure everything out**; we just have to obey.

*“Do not **add** to or **subtract** from these commands I am giving you. Just obey the commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you.” Deuteronomy 4:2 NLT*

✓ We are responsible for **obedience**; God is responsible for **outcome**.

*“**Obey them completely**, and you will **display your wisdom** and intelligence among the surrounding nations. When they hear all these decrees, they will exclaim, ‘How wise and prudent are the people of this great nation!’” Deuteronomy 4:6 NLT*

1. Scripture – what does the Bible say?

*“**Be diligent** to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately **handling the word of truth**.” 2 Timothy 2:15 NASB1995*

2. Observation – what is the meaning of this truth?

*“I pray that you, being **rooted** and **established** in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and **deep** is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be **filled** to the measure of all the fullness of God.” Eph 3:17-19 NIV*

3. Application – how will I apply this truth?

*“But prove yourselves **doers** of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.” James 1:22 NASB1995*

4. Prayer – ask for God’s help.

*“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we **ask anything according to his will**, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.” 1 John 5:14-15 NIV*