

Principles on Personal Responsibility
Chapter 20, page 275-285 - Discussion Questions

Rule Six - In those areas of life not addressed by the Scriptures, we must develop personal convictions to govern our behavior. Read pages 275-279

Why do you think the Bible has relatively few prohibitions compared to non-Biblical societies?

What is the principle of 1 Corinthians 10:23 and how does that apply in your life?

How have you seen professing Christians fall into the trap of living by the standards of society instead of standards of godliness? How have you seen claims of Christian liberty used to justify licentiousness?

Would it have been wrong for Daniel to stop his particular practices of prayer - Daniel 6:10?

Explain Romans 14:23 and why the same action can be sinful for one Christian but not others?

Rule Seven - When applying the Scriptures, we must make a distinction between the positive and negative commands

What is the difference between a negative and a positive command?

Why are negative commands easier to keep than positive ones?

What is the danger of applying objective standards to positive commands?

Rule Eight - Each person is individually responsible for applying the Scriptures to his or her own life.

Can community standards of conduct absolve a person from breaking God's commands? Explain

What role does a community have in helping a person live in godliness?

Rule Nine - In all things, we must be teachable. We must be willing to admit that we are wrong, change direction, and appear inconsistent.

What is the role of pride in a person refusing to admit they are wrong or in them blaming something or someone else for what they did?

What is the role of humility in being teachable, seeking forgiveness and changing direction?

Rule Ten - The acknowledgment of wrong must be followed by restitution when it is within our power

What is the difference and the relationship between confession and restitution?

What is the source of feelings of guilt? What can be done to resolve those feelings?

What are some possible things a Christian can do if they find it is impossible to make restitution to an individual they have wronged?
