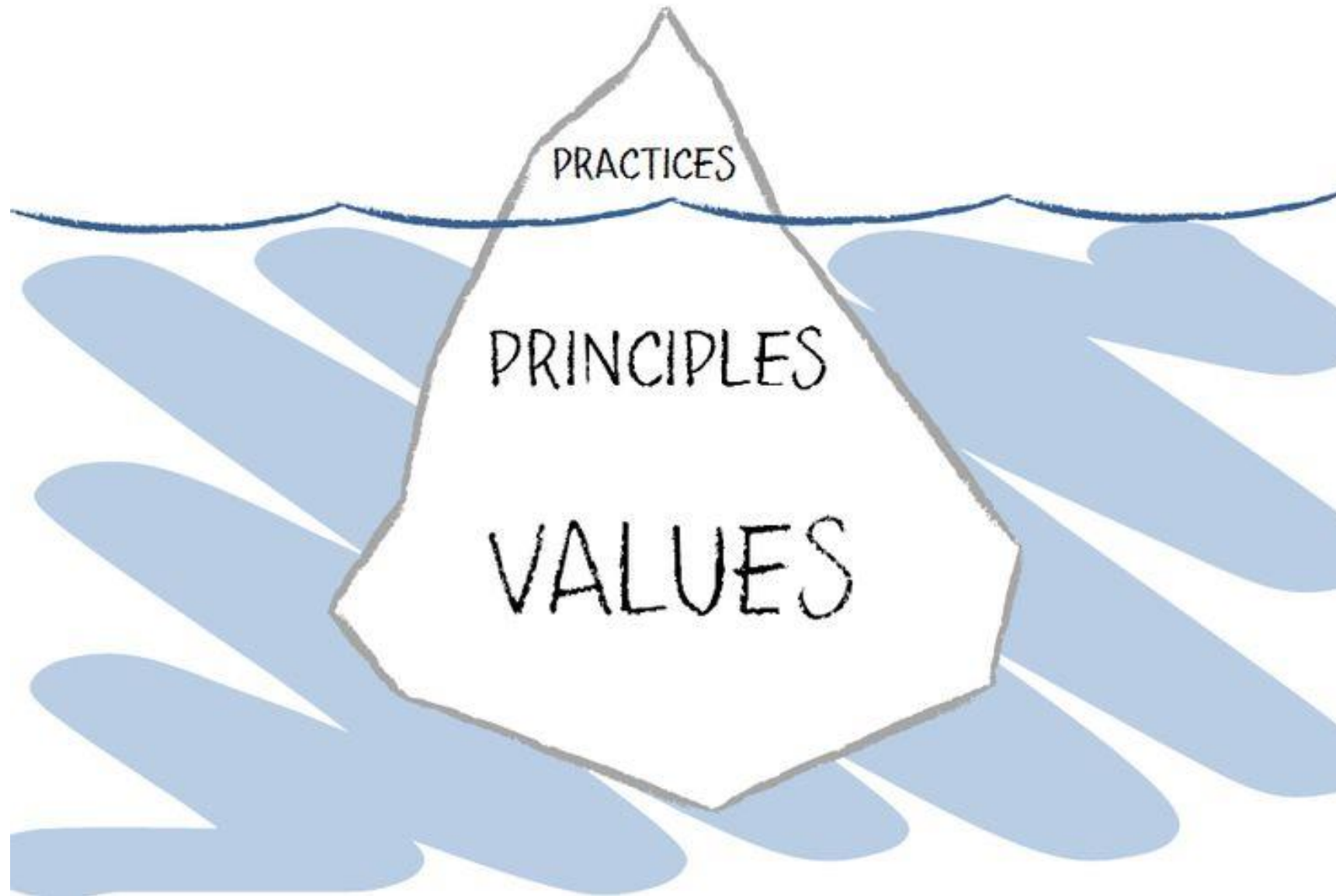


Principle Principles



**How to
Approach Specifics
When
God is General**



Our **practices** reflect our **principles** which are based upon our **values**

Principle Principles

IN ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC GUIDANCE

- Principles without specified practices
 - Where God has told us what, but not how...
 - Where God has warned, but not listed...
 - Where God gives us guidance, but not rules...
- Brings judgment, opinions and liberty into play
- What principles govern our approach to principles?

Principle Principles

TWO PREVAILING ATTITUDES

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Principle Principles

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- There is no part of our life that should not glorify God
 - **1 Cor. 10:31** - *“Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”*
 - *“Jesus pleased not himself, but gave up all to save men and so glorify God. He is our great exemplar. We must glorify God by sacrificing self for the good of others.”* – David Lipscomb
- Ask ourselves if what we are doing will bring glory to God
- **But...** we can't just ask ourselves

Principle Principles

2) BE AWARE HOW OUR ACTIONS ARE PERCEIVED

- Live honorably in the sight of all men
 - **Rom. 12:17** - *“Respect what is right in the sight of all men.”*
 - **2 Cor. 8:20-21** - *“... taking precaution so that no one will discredit us in our administration of this generous gift; for we have regard for what is honorable, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men”*
- Jesus went out of His way to not unnecessarily offend others
 - **Matt. 17:24-27**

Principle Principles

3) ACCEPT OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OTHERS

- Ensure we do not put an obstacle in **anyone's** way
 - **2 Cor. 6:3** - *“giving no cause for offense in anything, so that the ministry will not be discredited...”*
- Avoid doing things that might make **a brother** stumble
 - even if they are not wrong in-and-of themselves
 - **1 Cor. 8:9, 11-13**
 - **1 Cor. 9:12** - *“Nevertheless, we did not use this right, but we endure all things so that we will cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ.”*

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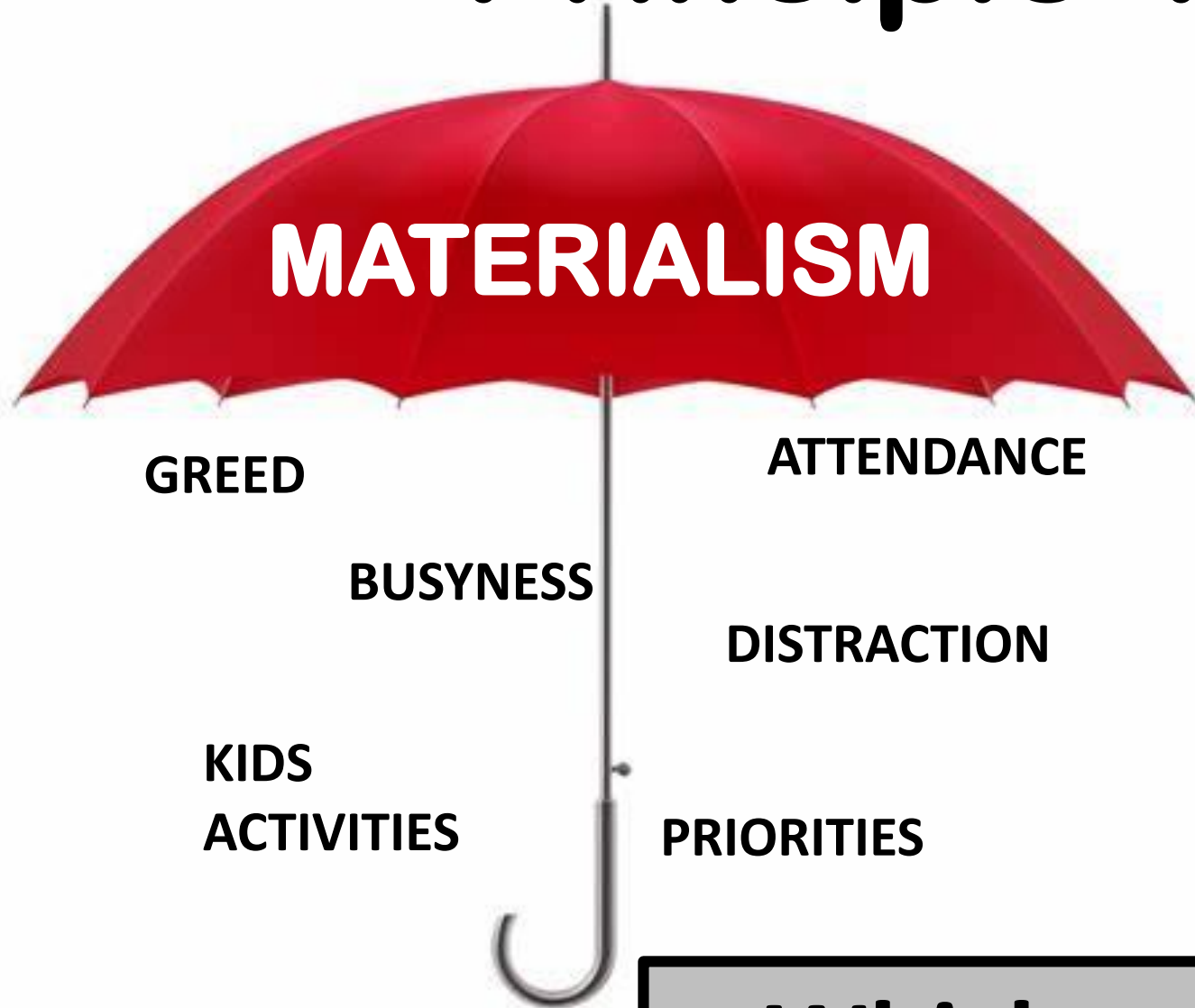
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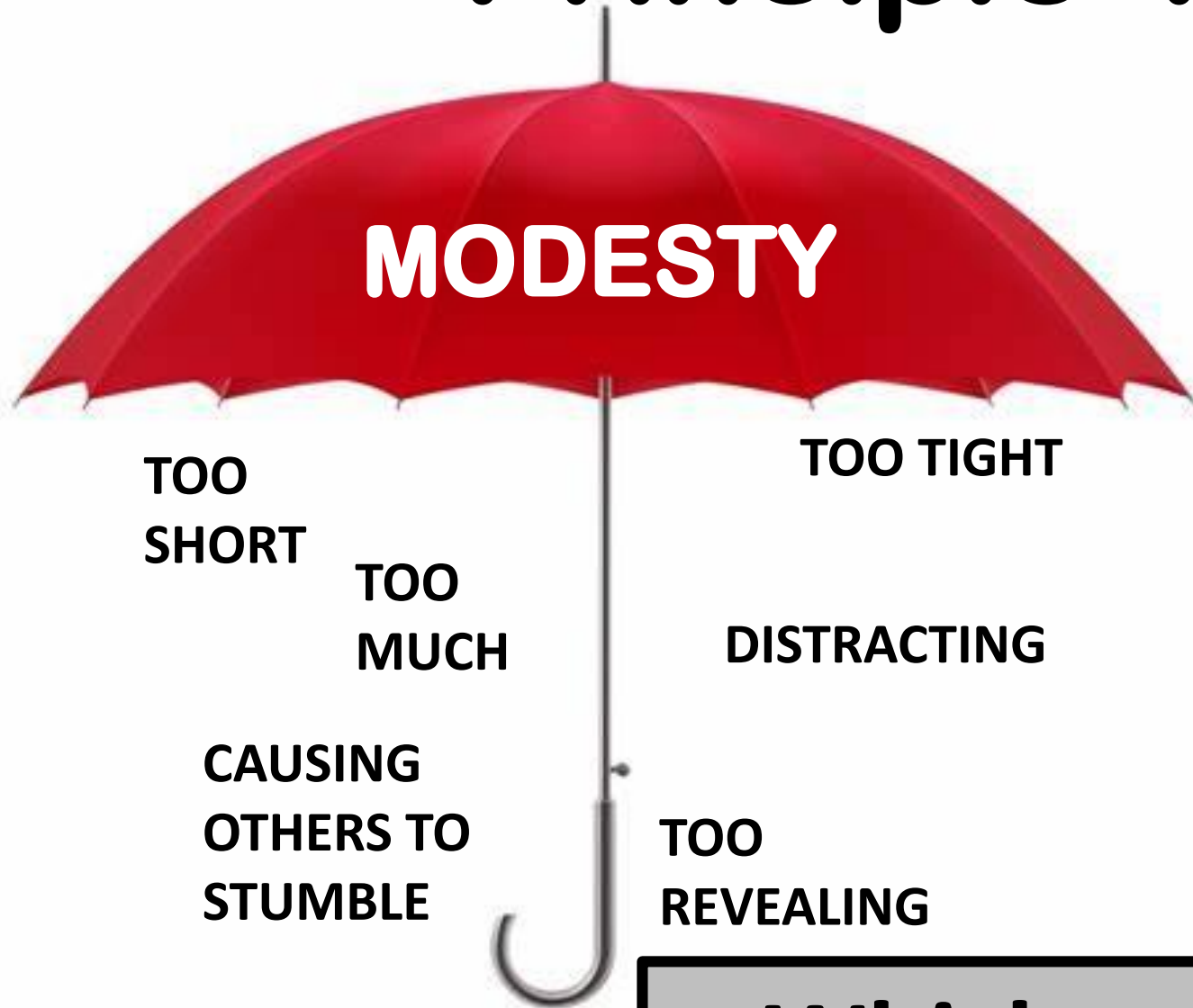
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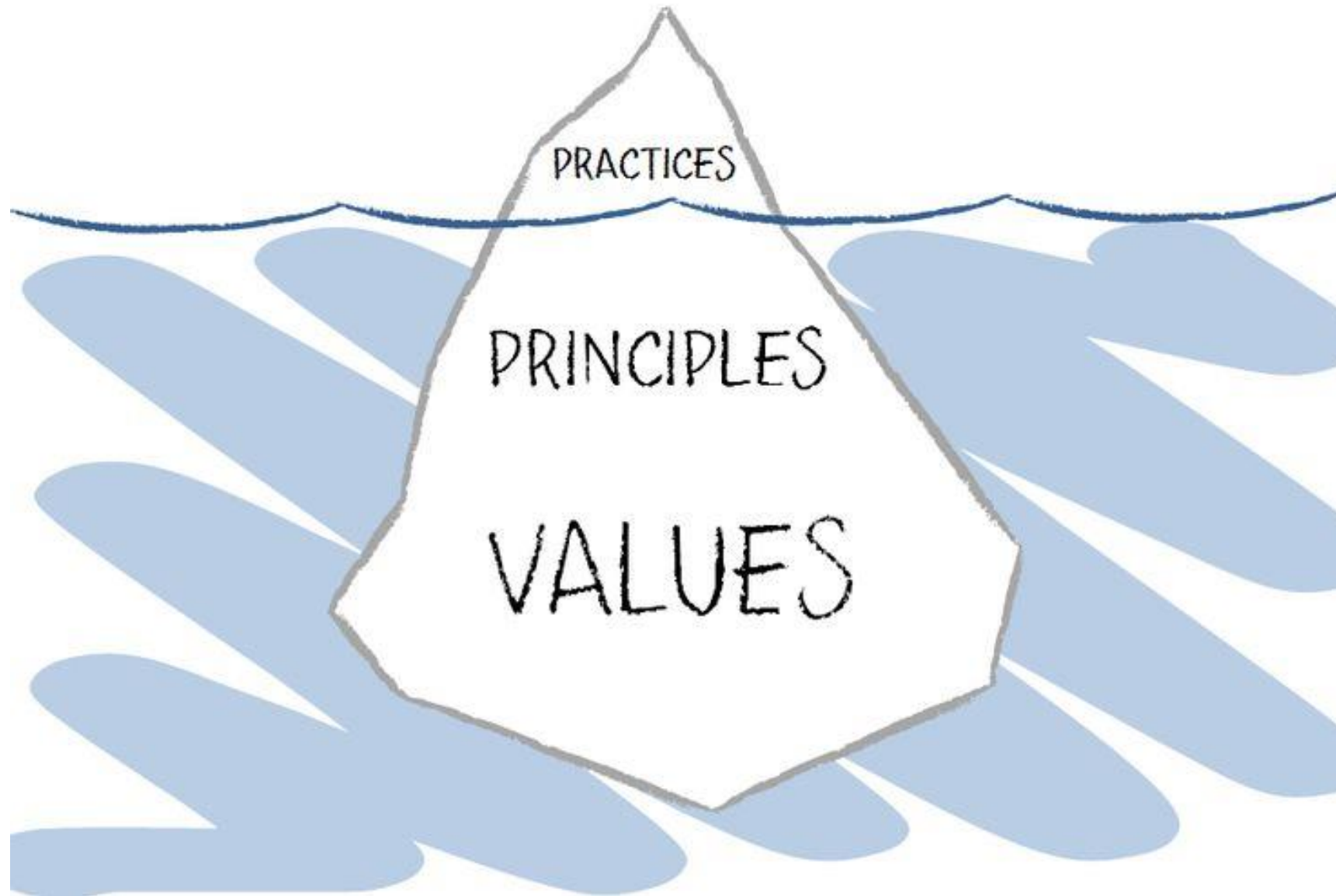
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PRACTICES

- 1) **CRITICAL SELF-EXAMINATION**
- 2) **GENUINE CONCERN FOR OTHERS ABOVE MY RIGHTS**
- 3) **WILLINGNESS TO CHANGE MY PRACTICES**



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THE PRINCIPLE PROBLEM

“all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” - Rom 3:23

“the wages of sin is death...” - Rom. 6:23

THE GRACIOUS ANSWER

“but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

- Rom 6:23

What will it be?

