

SAINTS WHO SINK THE SHIP



1. They cause problems because of the _____ they make.
2. They stop _____ and end up way off course.
3. They concentrate on surviving instead of _____.
4. They throw out _____ in a vain effort to make things better.
5. They lose their _____ and simply fall apart.

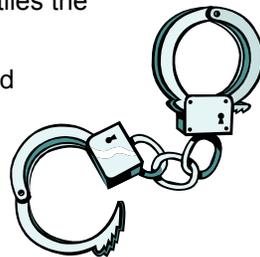


PRINCIPLE # 13: _____

Acts 28:20 (KJV) For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.

Colossians 4:18 (KJV) The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen. (Written from Rome to the Colossians by Tychicus and Onesimus)

- In his first epistle, Paul introduced himself as “Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;) (Galatians 1:1)
- After some suffering, he became “... the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. (1 Corinthians 15:9)
- After more suffering, he felt that he was “... less than the least of all saints ... that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.” (Ephesians 3:8)
- After two years in chains in Rome, he finally realized “... that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.” (1 Timothy 1:15)



2 Timothy 2:9 (KJV) Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

I Will Build My Church



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Matthew 16:18-19 (KJV) And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.



PRINCIPLE # 12: _____

Acts 27:9-15 (NLT) ⁹We had lost a lot of time. The weather was becoming dangerous for long voyages by then because it was so late in the fall, and Paul spoke to the ship’s officers about it. ¹⁰“Sirs,” he said, “I believe there is trouble ahead if we go on – shipwreck, loss of cargo, injuries, and danger to our lives.” ¹¹But the officer in charge of the prisoners listened more to the ship’s captain and the owner than to Paul. ¹²And since Fair Havens was an exposed harbor – a poor place to spend the winter – most of the crew wanted to go to Phoenix, farther up the coast of Crete, and spend the winter there. Phoenix was a good harbor with only a southwest and northwest exposure. ¹³When a light wind began blowing from the south, the sailors thought they could make it. So they pulled up anchor and sailed along close to shore. ¹⁴But the weather changed abruptly, and a wind of typhoon strength (a “northeaster,” they called it) caught the ship and blew it out to sea. ¹⁵They couldn’t turn the ship into the wind, so they gave up and let it run before the gale.

“First the natural, then the spiritual” (1 Corinthians 15:46)

Matthew 24:10-13 ¹⁰And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. ¹¹And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. ¹²And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. ¹³But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

- The church is built on those know how to survive storms –
EVEN WHEN THEY ARE CAUSED BY PEOPLE WHO

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