

PRINCIPLE 1:

All answers must be supported with evidence taken from the quotes in this principle

1. What is the title of Principle 1?
2. Read the entire Principle and cite three quotes where Srila Prabhupada says that in his physical absence, we must associate with him via his books.
3. Are these instructions new to you, or have you heard them before? If you have heard them before, have you acted on them? Describe your experience. If this is the first time you are hearing these instructions, what difference will they make to your practise?
4. Do most people understand Bhagavad-Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam? What is the benefit of understanding these books? What is the most effective way of understanding them?
5. What effect does understanding Srimad Bhagavatam have on our consciousness?
6. Locate the quote wherein Srila Prabhupada says, "In this way make your life successful. Because after all, everything is being done *daiva coditat*, impelled by the Supreme Person." Based on this quote answer these two questions:
 - a. How can we make our lives successful?
 - b. What does 'everything is being done *daiva coditat*' mean?
 - c. Are you on course to making your life successful? If yes, why do you think so? If no, why not and what changes must you make to ensure you become successful?
 - d. What are the obstacles to you making the necessary changes?
 - e. Are you open to making small manageable changes towards success? What realistic changes can you begin making?
7. What does Srila Prabhupada say in Bg 13.8-12 purport about how to make family life happy and spiritually progressive? List the four things he says we must do in family life. Are you doing them? If so, what is your experience? If not, why not? And most importantly, are you willing to do them? If so, what changes can you make in your life so that you can begin implementing Srila Prabhupada's instructions for a happy, spiritually progressive family life?
8. How should we interact with our friends?
9. What is the minimum number of devotees we need to discuss sastra?
10. Find and cite the quote where Srila Prabhupada writes: "*The messages of the Supreme Personality of Godhead are full of potencies, and these potencies can be realized if topics regarding the Supreme Godhead are discussed amongst devotees.*" Answer these questions based on this quote:
 - a. What does Srila Prabhupada mean by the phrase 'full of potencies'?
 - b. What does he mean by the word 'realized' in this context?

11. Do you think it's imperative for our spiritual success that we hear primarily from Srila Prabhupada? Explain your reasons.
12. What calibre of devotee does Srila Prabhupada say we must associate with? Cite the quotes.
13. How do the best devotees like to be served?
14. List the benefits we can expect to experience by hearing from the right person, along with supportive evidence.
15. Are you experiencing those benefits? If not, what changes do you think you must make?
16. What does Srila Prabhupada say will happen if we fail to adequately and properly hear from him? Has this happened to you or anyone you know? Explain.
17. Can we neglect principle 1 and only perform deity worship and/or chanting the Holy Name?
18. Do you have any doubts or realisations regarding this first principle?
19. Explain in your own words Useful Tips 1,2, 15,16, 17 and 18. Do you agree with them?
20. What changes will you make now you have studied this first principle?

PRINCIPLE 2:

1. What is the title of Principle 2?
2. Copy and paste three evidences regarding the importance of discussing systematically.
 - a. Underneath each evidence, explain in your own words what you understand Srila Prabhupada to be saying.
 - b. Write down any doubts or confusions you have regarding what he is saying.
 - c. Write down any realisations or insights you have after reflecting on those evidences.
3. Copy and paste three evidences regarding the importance of discussing scrutinisingly.
 - a. Underneath each evidence, explain in your own words what you understand Srila Prabhupada to be saying.
 - b. Write down any doubts or confusions you have regarding what he is saying.
 - c. Write down any realisations or insights you have after reflecting on those evidences.
4. What is the doubt devotees sometimes have regarding this principle?
 - a. In your own words explain our answer to this doubt.
 - b. Do you have this doubt? If not, why not, and if yes, explain why.
5. Explain in your own words Useful Tip 3.
6. Give two of your own examples of sentences in Srila Prabhupada's books which would benefit you to scrutinise. How would you break the sentences down?
7. Give two examples of sentences in Srila Prabhupada's books which you feel do not require scrutiny.

PRINCIPLE 3:

1. What is the title of this Principle?
2. Cite three evidences from this Principle.
 - a. Underneath the evidence explain in your own words what you think Srila Prabhupada means.
 - b. Are you convinced of what he says? Explain why you either are or are not convinced.
3. What is the minimum number of times we should discuss Bhagavad-Gita each week? Give the evidence.
4. How regularly can you commit to discussing sastra? *

Principle 4:

1. What is the title of this Principle?
2. Go to the 20 Useful Tips and cite the title of the first three. Underneath each of those three, explain it in your own words.
3. Return to Principle 4 and copy and paste three of the evidences we have supplied. Beneath each evidence, write two headings, Understanding and Response. Beneath Understanding explain in your own words what you understand the evidence to say. Beneath Response write any doubts or realisations you have.

PRINCIPLE 5:

1. What is the title of this Principle?
2. Copy and paste the first two evidences, i.e. letter to Tribhuvanatha, and CC Madhya 24.318. Under each evidence, do your understanding and then your response. Please indicate, by use of a heading, your understanding and response.
3. Give three examples of how a word, phrase or text can be understood from many different perspectives. Please go to the original source we indicate and give very specific examples.
4. What is the danger of neglecting this principle?
5. What is the benefit of honouring this principle?
6. Go to the TLK evidence we supply and answer the following questions:
 - a. Explain the analogy of licking the outside of the bottle of honey.
 - b. What do the bottle of honey and the honey symbolise?
 - c. Why is it some people cannot get into the honey jar to taste it?
 - d. How can we access the honey?
7. Choose two from among these four evidences we supply :
 - a. Srimad Bhagavatam 11.3.30,
 - b. Bg 17.15,
 - c. Bg 10.9,
 - d. Bg 10.19

Beneath each evidence do your understanding and then your response as you learned in your assignment for principle 4.
8. Go to the 20 Useful Tips, and write out the title of Useful Tip 4 and explain it in your own words.
9. Return to Principle 5, and, using the first and third steps of Useful Tip 4, explain what we have written under the title: "Unpleasant Exchanges Inhibit Our Critical Thinking."

PRINCIPLE 6:

1. What is the title of this Principle?
2. What did we hear that prompted us to introduce this Principle into our discussions?
3. What was our experience of discussions prior to introducing this Principle?
4. What is your experience when trying to discuss something important? For example, Do you feel understood? Do you feel ignored? Do they keep to the topic you were hoping to address, or do they shift the topic to something else? Do you feel encouraged to speak to them, or wish you hadn't bothered? Explain what happens in your conversations that makes you feel the above.
5. What did we hear from Stephen Covey that mirrored what we heard in the CC?
6. What are some of the examples we give of impediments to empathic hearing?
7. Do you have personal experience of other reasons why people find it hard to hear empathically?
8. What are some of the benefits of empathic hearing that we cite?
9. Do you have personal experience of other benefits of empathic hearing?
10. Cite an instance from *sastra* of empathic hearing?
11. Useful Tips 6 and 14 give helpful suggestions on how to empathically hear our discussion partner. Explain each tip in your own words.
12. Useful Tips 5, 7, 12 and 13 give helpful suggestions on how to speak to make it easier for our discussion partner to understand us. Explain each tip in your own words.
13. Explain Useful Tip 9 in your own words.
14. Does Useful Tip 9 have any bearing on the application of this principle? Explain your answer.

PRINCIPLE 7:

1. What is the title of this principle?
2. Read all seven opening evidences we give emphasising the importance of asking questions. List in your own words the key points you understand from them.
3. Explain our suggestions for how to raise doubts, confusions and misgivings submissively?
4. Explain why you agree or disagree with our perspective on question 3.
5. Explain our perspective on whether we should act on 'knowledge' we have not properly understood. What evidence do we offer to support our perspective?
6. Explain why you agree or disagree with our perspective on question 5.
7. Explain our perspective on the difference between blind and implicit faith and cite our evidence.
8. Explain why you agree or disagree with our perspective on question 7.
9. What should questions focus on?
10. We give five evidences to support our perspective on question 5. List in your own words the key points you take from these five evidences.
11. How do we define an 'absurd' question?
12. Explain whether you think the case histories we supply adequately support our perspective on question 11.
13. Put in your own words the three key lessons we derived from the case studies we cited.
14. Useful Tips 8, 10, and 11 all deal with questions. Explain each of them in your own words.

PRINCIPLE 8:

1. What is the title of this principle?
2. Read through all five evidences we share for this principle and list the key points.
3. Which question on Useful Tip 11 do you think correlates with this principle?
4. Should you apply this principle before having clarified all doubts, misgivings and confusions? Explain your reason.
5. What are the two stages of this principle we can use?
6. What example of the two stages do we give?
7. Give another example when it would benefit you to approach this principle in two stages.
8. Explain why we think this principle should only be applied in very small intimate groups of 2 to 3 people.
9. Do you agree or disagree with our perspective? Explain why.
10. Do you think it would benefit your marriage to apply this principle with your spouse? Explain your answer.
11. What insights did you get about this principle from the article: "Some thoughts on *adau sraddha* to Nishtha"?

PRINCIPLE 9:

1. What is the title of this principle?
2. List the Sanskrit terms for the different types of evidence and explain what they mean.
3. Of all the different types of evidence, which is the most important and conclusive?
4. What can you do if you struggle to find conclusive evidence?

PRINCIPLE 10:

1. What is the title of this principle?
2. Read through all the evidences and list their key points.
3. Read the article we recommend.
4. What is the first secret of the Bhagavad-Gita? Explain how we came to this conclusion. Explain why you either agree or disagree.
5. What is the second secret of the Bhagavad-Gita? Explain how we came to this conclusion. Explain why you either agree or disagree.
6. Explain Useful Tips 19 and 20 in your own words.