

Following The Way

*"¹⁴But this I confess to you, that according to **the Way** (which they call a sect), I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything written in the Torah and the Prophets" (Acts 24:14)*

"²⁴The path (way, KJV) of life leads upward for the wise to keep him from going down to Sheol" (Proverbs 15:24)

Have you noticed how many people live an awful destructive and hellish life? I did before I came to the Lord, but since becoming a Believer, my goal has been to experience *"life, and have it abundantly"* (John 10:10b). Is your way of life abundant in *Yeshua* or are you living in a daily agony? There is hope if your answer is *"life and life more abundantly"*, and my earnest purpose is that *Kol Simcha* is here to help you get to that abundant life.

In order for *KS* to be relevant to your particular situation one must understand that there are Scriptural presuppositions (conjectures, assumptions, hypotheses, and premises) that are at the core of our *KS* ministry. We believe **the Bible has answers for every situation in life** and *Adonai* is interested in the daily affairs of His people! We want to *"worship the God of our fathers, believing everything written in the Torah and the Prophets"* and walk in *The Way* which implies we will **APPLY HIS WISDOM IN ORDER TO WALK IN ALL HIS WAYS**.

A Torah Centered Lifestyle – Ten Areas of Influence	
1. ALL Scripture	Character, behavior, principles, and a lifestyle (the source)
2. Congregation	We have disciplines, standards, Spiritual Gifts
3. Marriage	"Life Covenant", "Life Partner", and children
4. Home	A Torah-centered household
5. Children	A Blessing, a Family's Strength (<i>arrows in a full quiver</i>)
6. Education	Father-directed, Training, Apprenticeship
7. Finances	Freedom, Wisdom, Resources, Generosity
8. Business	No Debt, No Un-Biblical partnerships
9. Medicine	Personal Responsibility, Prevention
10. Law	Justice & Mercy

PRINCIPLES IN THE KOL SIMCHA MINISTRY

- ◆ All Scripture (Hebrew Scriptures & New(er) Covenant) is profitable for fleshing out His ways: *"¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, for reproof, for restoration, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the person belonging to God may be capable, fully equipped for every good deed"* (2 Tim 3:16-17).
- ◆ The Father (*Abba*), the Son (*Yeshua*) and the Spirit (*Ruach Elohim*) do not, cannot, and will not change. (See *Ecc 3:14-15, Mal. 3:6, Heb. 13:8, Jas. 1:17*) [Resource: The Prayer of Jabez].
- ◆ Messiah *Yeshua* is *HaTorah* (the Word) made flesh (*John 1:14*)
- ◆ Messiah *Yeshua* in His earthly life demonstrated (fleshed out) every character principle for us
We note that all things happen to "conform us" to the image of Messiah *Yeshua* (*Rom. 8:28-29*). When we lack in character, it is revealed immediately in our attitudes. [Resource: The Pineapple & Snake Story]
- ◆ Scripture has *Basic Life Principles* which are *Non-Optional and Universal* [Resource: IBLP Basic Seminar]

BASIC LIFE PRINCIPLES	GOALS
DESIGN: His Purposes in His creation	SELF-ACCEPTANCE: Pattern for Lifestyle
RESPONSIBILITY: for every word, thought, action and motive of our heart	GOOD CONSCIENCE: we must be committed to a clear conscience void of offense toward God and toward man
AUTHORITY: Family, Cong., Gov. & Employment.	PROPER SUBMISSION: Appeal from beneath/Power from above
SUFFERING: Full forgiveness of trespasses	FORGIVENESS according to <i>Matt. 18</i> & the Lord's prayer
OWNERSHIP: It is His. <i>What we own soon owns us...</i>	YIELDING RIGHTS TO GOD: Giving our expectations to God.
FREEDOM: the power to do what we ought	MORAL PURITY: a man's morality dictates his theology
SUCCESS: fulfilling God's purpose in our lives	MEDITATION: Meditate in His Torah and prosper (<i>Ps. 1</i>)

- ◆ The Power of God's Grace (*the desire & the power He gives to do His will*) (1 Cor. 15:10, Phil. 2:13)
- ◆ God has given Seven Motivational Gifts to the Body (Romans 12:6-8), and everyone has 1 basic motivational gift and as one matures one is able to function in all seven [Resource: Spiritual Gifts Seminar, IBLP, Spring 2018]
- ◆ Marriage is a Permanent Blood Covenant (*B'rit*) and NOT a Contract. [Resources: (1) A Biblical Portrait of Marriage, Dr. Bruce Wilkinson, Walk-Thru the Bible, the last five KS marriages have gone through this course; (2) A Covenant Marriage Course, IBLP. Last taught Spring 2012; (3) How to Have Intimacy in Marriage, Ed Silviso. Last taught in April, 2007, also briefly discussed March 6, 2015].
- ◆ Marriage is the *echad* of the spirit, soul, and body of a man with a woman. The spirit should be dominant, then the mind, will and emotions, then the physical [Resource: Biblical Concepts Counseling "Rekindling Marital Intimacy" course, John Regier].
- ◆ The home is the *center* of Messianic Life
- ◆ There is a brutal war against children [Resource: Growing Kids God's Way, Dr. Ezzo: Raising and Disciplining]
- ◆ The goal of Humanistic Medicine: "*Controlling human fertility ... by birth control, abortion and sterilization ... people must come to want fewer children*" (The Health Care of Women, McGraw-Hill, 1975)
- ◆ People Refuse to follow Biblical Guidelines for Sexual Intimacy in Marriage (abstinence outside of marriage) and Take Matters in their Own Hands (the Regier Course extensively deals with this)
- ◆ The Strength of a Family is in the Number of Children they Have as stated in *Psalms 127*.
- ◆ Education needs to be done primarily (and whenever possible) at home [Resource: The Seven Laws of the Learner & The Seven Laws of the Teacher, Dr. Bruce Wilkinson, Walk-Thru the Bible. Rabbi 1982-1991. Resource: Teaching with Style, Dr. Bruce Wilkinson. Ways to improve your teaching].
- ◆ Apprenticeship is very valuable—sometimes more useful than a college degree. [Resource: The Vision of a Leader]
- ◆ Financial Freedom is a goal for EVERYBODY. The goal is NO debt. People need to be financially responsible in tithes and offerings. For example: co-signing of loans is un-Scriptural [Resource: How to Master Your Money, Dr. Ron Blue, Walk-Thru the Bible. How to gain and maintain financial freedom].
- ◆ Everyone has Blind Spots – We must lovingly exhort one another into good works (Gal. 6:1)

To illustrate, let us take a look at the first 30 minutes of Lesson 3 of Applied Principle of Learning (aka, The Seven Laws of the Learner): The Law of Application <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAHDJRz4p6Q> 1/3, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QDJQx9Ska6M> 2/3 & <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhsXlmhebM4> 3/3. *Shabbat Shalom!*