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**Fellowship of Companies for Christ
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- Welcome! Opening prayer and praise reports
- **Today's topic: Implanting Good Principles in Your Business**



Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection. –Hebrews 6:1a

About four weeks ago, just as I was ramping up for the Union Church 125th Gala, I had a curious experience. Turns out that somehow, I cracked my bottom rear right molar in three places. One crack went deep through the tooth to the nerve, so every time I drank or ate anything, excruciating pain radiated everywhere in the right side of my mouth. The morning that I was going to have the tooth extracted and an implant installed, Dawn and I had our daily devotional which includes reading commentary by Matthew Henry. In the commentary that morning, Henry wrote:

*We are saved from the death of sin and have a principle of spiritual life **implanted** in us. Wherever God in his grace **implants** good principles, they are intended to be for good works.*

When I went to the oral surgeon, he went to extract the tooth and it would not come out. Not only did I have three cracks in the tooth, but over time, the tooth had actually fused with my jawbone and it didn't show up on the X-rays. The surgeon had to "saw" the tooth off my jawbone. Afterwards, he said it was one of the most difficult tooth extractions in his career--and he teaches this stuff around the world!

That got me thinking about ungodly and godly principles that we apply in our lives. As sinners, we are born with teeth that are full of ungodly principles. Depending on our childhood, some of us have more (from a principle viewpoint) rotten teeth than others, but the reality is that we all need tooth extractions. We need a Divine Surgeon to extract ungodly principles and implant God's principles from His Word.

The extraction process can be very painful, as we are uprooted from what we have known and lived with for years. But over time, the implant "takes" and we can move on, never having to deal with rotten teeth again! As you look back on your career, what ungodly principles has the Lord had to extract from your mouth (ie, your vocabulary, speech, actions) and implant new, Godly ones? Let's discuss.

Evaluate yourself from 1 (weak) to 10 (strong) in terms of being implanted with good principles.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits might you enjoy by having more principle implants performed in your business?										
What specific actions can you take to do so?										

- Next meeting: October 21
- Upcoming events/news
- Closing prayer