

## *Principles vs. Preference*

Those who act out of  
preference  
prefer not to have  
principles.

Principles promote standards;  
preference pursues pleasure.  
Principles come from morality;  
preference stems from whim.  
Principles build character;  
preference weakens it.

Principles should  
guide preference  
and direct it.

Preference tries to  
disguise principles  
and disregard them.

For example,  
if murder and stealing  
are forbidden  
out of principle,  
why should sexual license  
be allowed  
out of preference?

Or, if property damage  
is not allowed  
out of principle,  
why should people damage  
be tolerated  
out of preference?

Preference  
is private  
and leads to  
isolation.

Principles are public  
and build  
community.

As with a house or bridge,  
so too with life:  
you can't construct them  
by preference;  
you must proceed according  
to principles.

By the way,  
who decides  
what is forbidden  
by principle  
but allowed  
by preference?

Usually, those who live  
without principles!

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