

A great light burst forth when I met the Principles

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I am deeply moved to be able to write this testimony. I thank God to allow me to know this joy and honor. May all what follows be written in our Father's love and to serve His son.

I was born on the 25th of April, 1935, second son of a family of 4 boys. My father, a Belgian born French man, came from a peasant's family and had a long military career.

My mother came from old French nobility. Generous and devoted, she dedicated much of herself to help the poor, and was very appreciated in her surroundings. Our family remained very united until she died from a generalized cancer at age 45.

Through my parents' education and the will of God, I became very close to Jesus, who I considered as my father and only true confidant. Just before the war, my parents decided to move to Morocco where we lived for 12 years among the natives of several countries. There I learned to love them and to love this marvelous country. There without doubt, my love for all foreigners developed. I only look at them to see what is positive and to know and to understand them better. Back in Paris I got married, had two children and then my wife left me. Now I am divorced and work as a programmer in an insurance company.

Everyone meets with a lot of troubles before he comes to know the Principles, and a certain type of personality rises and sets during that period. My obstinacy to search for what is good and true is what characterized me at this point. There has been always an inner force which helped me to overcome the hardships. My aggressive and willful temper is such that I revolt particularly against injustices, and lack of understanding, whatever they are, wherever they come from. But my environment and my heart acted in such a way that a great confusion set in despite of my struggle. My will and my tenacity always helped me to overcome the problems which arose. My link with Jesus later allowed me to find the understanding needed to surmount the obstacles.

A great light burst forth when I met the Principles. The first chapter is to me a fount without end. The second chapter is my deliverance and as for the Principles of restoration, they made me understand, among other things, that I ignored who I am. I discovered in the Bible many individuals and through them a part of my personality.

But my great discovery is God, whom I never felt and understood until now, knowing neither His work nor His will, and not realizing His total love for us. I am ready, at this time when the Father needs man, to serve Him with the weapons the He gave us, with His wisdom and His heart. Obedient and determined I must work as it is said in the pledge "pouring sweat for earth, tears for man, and blood for heaven."