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2) инструкция
 3) заповедь
 2. юр.
 1) предписание, приказ, распоряжение (суда или судьи)
 2) ордер (на арест)
 3) вызов, повестка в суд
                                                                                          Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.
precept
                                                  NAmE ['pri□sep]t
pre-cept [precept precepts] BrE ['pri□sep]t"
                                                                        noun
countable, uncountable (formal)
 a rule about how to behave or what to think
  Syn: †principle
  · moral precepts
    Word Origin:
    late Middle English: from Latin praeceptum, neuter past participle of praecipere 'warn, instruct', from prae 'before' + capere
    'take'.
    Example Bank:
     · She believed that the strength of the nation depended on strong moral precepts being taught in the home.
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precept
pre cept /'pri sept BrE *
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                                       noun [countable]
  [Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: praeceptum, from praecipere 'to take beforehand, give instruction to']
  formal a rule on which a way of thinking or behaving is based:
         basic moral precepts
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to teach by example rather than by precept - учить личным примером, а не наставлениями

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precept

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1. 1) наставление, правило; указание