

**Review: Principles of Aristocracy 1-10; #11: Esprit-de-Corps; #12-13: Be Honorable; #14: Be Obligated to Live in Harmony with Believers; Rom 12:16-18**

**Romans 12:16 -** Be thinking the same toward each other. Do not be thinking in terms of arrogance but associate with people of humility. Stop being wise in your own estimation.

**Principle of Aristocracy #11:** Respect the imputed righteousness of other believers. Without arrogance be willing to associate with all believers who have esprit de corps. Do not be opinionated through pseudo wisdom.

- (1) All believers are equal with regard to the forty things imputed at salvation, however, this equality only forms the basis for spiritual growth which results in all believers becoming unequal.
- (2) Consider all other believers equal as fellow members of the royal family. If you have more doctrine, do not lord it over them.
- (3) However, if you are a pastor you must insert doctrine into situations that require divine guidance or correction of error. Your sheep remain your sheep whether you are in the pulpit or not. Such instruction should be said respectfully but in all seriousness.
- (4) Fellow sheep should simply stay out of each other's business unless it is a parent-to-child or a superior-to-subordinate situation.

**Romans 12:17 -** Never pay back evil for evil. Respect what is honorable in the sight of all mankind.

**Principle of Aristocracy #12:** Two wrongs do not make a right

**Principle of Aristocracy # 13:** Do not take the law into your own hands.

**Romans 12:18 -** If it is possible as much as it depends on you, live in harmony with all mankind.

**Principle of Aristocracy #14:** Live and let live by using the problem-solving devices to live in harmony with every believer.

- (1) The "if clause" here is a first class condition and can be translated, "If it is possible and it is."
- (2) You can live with others in harmony because you have the capacity to do so, or you have the potential to do so dependent upon your spiritual growth.
- (3) It is not possible to rebound for other believers. It is not possible to be filled by the Spirit for other believers. It is not possible to apply doctrine for other believers.
- (4) But you have these power options available to you and you are to maintain harmony with other believers because this harmony depends on you.
- (5) The honor code functions under the filling of the Holy Spirit and application of resident doctrine. This gives the advancing believer the capacity to make harmonious rapport possible.
- (6) However, it is impossible to live in harmony with those who refuse to live under the honor code.
- (7) This is why the verse reads, "as much as it depends on you." You must function under the honor code even if others choose not to do so.

**Romans 12:19 -** Fellow believer, do not take revenge but yield to the punishment from the justice of God, for it stands written, "Justice belongs to Me, I will repay," says the Lord.

**Principle of Aristocracy #15:** Never seek revenge, never retaliate, never prosecute a fellow believer. Always defer to the justice of God when you are tempted to be vengeful or retaliate.

