

**Vicarious Sacrifice: Biblically Developed Mental Attitudes: Spiritual Rapport: Functions under the Royal Family Honor Code & the Attributes of Honor & Integrity, Phil 2:2; the Mandate to Function under the Royal Law, Jas 2:8 cp. Lev 19:18; Grace Oriented Giving: no Biblically Specified Amount: the Believer Gives as unto the Lord & God Supplies the Rest; Grace Giving Employs no Gimmicks & Without Coercion, 2 Cor 9:7; Mental Attitude during Evidence Testing: Objectivity under Pressure, Phil 3:15**

## D. Biblically Developed Mental Attitudes

### I. Spiritual Rapport

1. Rapport among believers functions under the royal family honor code which entails the principles of live and let live and avoiding evil thoughts toward others.
2. Under the filling of the Spirit, we must love all believers with unconditional love.
3. All people sin including ourselves; therefore we must acquire the skill of maintaining a relaxed mental attitude toward all.
4. The attributes of honor and integrity are developed from doctrinal thinking which results in true friendships.
5. The royal family honor code is found in several passages of Scripture:

**Philippians 2:2** - Complete my happiness [ PSD #9 ] by constantly thinking the same things [ divine viewpoint ], having the same love [ esprit-de-corps love<sup>1</sup> ] concentrating on the same objective [ spiritual maturity ]. (EXT)

**James 2:8** - If, on the one hand, you carry out Operation Royal Law, [ 1CC: assuming you do ], according to the norm or standard of Scripture [ Leviticus 19:18 ]: “You shall love those in your periphery [ πλησίον (plēsion): “neighbor” (NASB) ] as yourself,” honorably you keep on doing a right thing in a right way. (EXT)

<sup>1</sup> “The common spirit existing in the members of a group and inspiring enthusiasm, devotion, and strong regard for the honor of the group,” *Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary*, 11th ed., s.v. “esprit de corps.”

**Leviticus 19:18** - "You shall not take vengeance, nor bear a grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord." (NASB)

## II. Grace Oriented Giving

1. Grace giving is not grace giving if you are intimidated, embarrassed, or pressured to pledge or tithe.
2. Those that give with the proper mental attitude will always have more to give.
3. In the act of grace giving, the believer supplies the proper mental attitude while God supplies the rest.
4. In grace giving, the issue is not what you give, but the thinking behind the giving that counts.
5. The mentality of grace giving is an expression of free will without gimmicks and without coercion.

**2 Corinthians 9:7** - Each person, to the degree he has determined by means of his own soul, so give, not from distress of mind or compulsion of emotions; for God loves a grace-oriented giver." (EXT)

## III. Mental Attitude during Evidence Testing

1. Subjective thinking under pressure indicates arrogance from self-absorption.
2. Undeserved suffering and attacks from the Dark Side demands the mental attitude of objectivity.
3. The capacity to think doctrine during normal circumstances should be one's status quo mentality during times of great pressure.
4. Preparation for evidence testing comes from a high inventory of ideas from consistent Bible study under the mentorship of a pastor-teacher and the teaching ministries of the Holy Spirit.

**Philippians 3:15** - As many as are mature believers, let us continue objective thinking [ **clarity of thought from doctrine** ]. In fact, if you have a different attitude in something [ **from subjectivity** ], the Lord will reveal even that to you [ **to your advantage** ]. (EXT)