

- 9- You may not approve of another believer's lifestyle, manners, wardrobe, vocabulary, habits, idiosyncrasies, background, race, or family lineage.
- 10- But this evaluation must not stop with what you perceive to be shortcomings. Your analysis must continue to include recognition of their spiritual status before God.
- 11- Genuine humility would also require you to consider that if you had been placed in the same circumstances as the person you analyze, you would be an even worse specimen than they are.
- 12- Human viewpoint may conclude the person to be a less than desirable specimen. Grace orientation will enable you to view them as a recovering sinner just as you are.
- 13- Thus, recognition of their +R motivates unconditional love.
- 14- Consideration of their equal station in the royal family encourages a fraternal devotion.
- 15- Recognition of their perfect status in the eyes of God will generate a willingness to show deference to them as superiors.

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Principles on "esteem others more highly than yourself":

- 1- Recognition of +R in others motivates a devotion among members of the Royal family similar to that experienced within the family unit.
- 2- The devotion among nuclear family members is fraternal and is motivated by bloodlines which form the physical chart pedigree.
- 3- The devotion among royal family members is spiritual and is motivated by a mutual possession of God's righteousness which forms the spiritual chart pedigree.
- 4- It is a matter of honor therefore not to produce any mental attitude sins, verbalize any sins of the tongue or to perform any overt sins against you & fellow spiritual family members.
- 5- Recognition of mutual equality within the family of God avoids the development of inordinate competition among family members.

- 6- Deference to others shows a respect for what God has done for others. They, as you, are members of the royal family with perfect righteousness imputed.
- 7- Members of the royal family avoid controversy, discord, friction, division and turmoil within the local body when they avoid mental, verbal and overt sins toward each other.
- 8- The principle of "live and let live" applies here.
- 9- Your fellow believer may be wrong as far as you know but you do not have the privilege of making an issue of it.
- 10- They must be allowed to live their lives as unto the Lord.
- 11- Thus, rather than emphasizing yourself, you defer to their royal standing and remain silent while mentally remaining non-judgmental.
- 12- You are under orders to leave it alone and allow it to remain in the Lord's hands.
- 13- You may not like this mandate. But if you were in the military, you would soon learn that often orders come down with which you do not agree.
- 14- When this occurs you are trained to immediately do two things:
- (1) Salute. This signifies recognition of and respect for superior authority.
  - (2) Just do it. The reasons why are not yours to ask, but simply that you perform the task.
- 15- Under the honor code, we are to apply these principles as a matter of honor and allow God to take care of the details.
- 16- This approach preserves privacy so the offending party can be given the environment <sup>NECESSARY</sup> for rebound, recovery, growth and invisible impact.
- 17- Consequently, the "brotherly love"--**PhILADELPhI'A**--of this passage is not demonstrative, emotional, or hypocritical.

- 18- Therefore, in addition to the principle of +R, there is the consideration of the privacy of the priesthood. If every believer is not given privacy then his advance is slowed and even halted.
- 19- God loves every believer as much as He does another. Thus our attitude toward other members of the royal family must never insult the integrity of God.
- 20- If you "esteem others more highly than yourself" then there can be no room for gossip, maligning, anger, revenge, inordinate competition or any form of spiritual one-upsmanship.
- 21- Consequently the protocol for dealing with members of the royal family mandates that you show deference to other believers as a matter of honor.
- 22- Next follows a series of terse mandates requiring applications which have both indirect and direct impact on one's fellow believers.

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**Honor Code Principle #5:** Failure to persevere in the inculcation of doctrine has a negative impact on one's application of the honor code. Through the filling of the Holy Spirit, consistent service to our Lord is maintained. Romans 12:

v 11 = With regard to your due diligence, do not be negligent; with reference to the Holy Spirit be zealous when serving the Lord.

- 1- The word I have translated "due diligence" is the locative of sphere from the noun **SPOUDn'** which means "to have diligence in matters of religion."  
*(SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE)*
- 2- "Due diligence" is a legal term and is defined by the Oxford English Dictionary as "the attention and care due from a person in a given situation, specifically that incumbent upon the parties to a contract."
- 3- When we become members of the royal family, the first document file of our portfolio includes the Equal Privilege of Election.
- 4- Our election by God gives us the privilege of joining the Pivot of our generation's client nation.