

- 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.

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Rom 12:12 (NAS)
(e-de-c) (H₃-confid)
REJOICING IN HOPE
(STO FAST) (UOS)
PERSEVERING IN TRIBULATION,
DEVOTED TO PRAYER.
(PERSISTENT)

- 5- If the environment of freedom provided by client nation status is to be preserved then the Pivot must constantly be enlarged.
- 6- In essence we enter into a gentleman's agreement with God at salvation that we will utilize the invisible assets He imputes to us to make that advance.
- 7- Our advance to and status in the Pivot can only be accomplished by consistent and steady effort with regard to our spiritual growth.
- 8- When we make the study of Bible doctrine our first priority we are performing the due diligence of the Pivot.
- 9- This is a negative mandate commanding us to not be negligent in that regard.
- 10- When we perform due diligence then we log maximum time in the filling of the Holy Spirit and thus are zealous in our service to the Lord. ✱
- 11- This persistence in spiritual growth initially solves our problems regarding God and then self as seen in the next honor code principle.

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6- **Honor Code Principle #6:** Through confidence in our eternal future we are with esprit de corps to stand fast in the face of undeserved suffering. Romans 12:

v 12 = With reference to confidence in the eternal future, have esprit de corps; with reference to undeserved suffering, stand fast. Be persistent in prayer.

- 1- The first problems solved by knowledge of doctrine are those related to God.
- 2- Once we learn Who and What He is we become secure in our reliance upon His grace to us.
- 3- Personal love for God gradually develops a confidence in Him and His Word.
- 4- He has promised us eternal life through faith in Christ. When we learn about his veracity and immutability it gives us confidence in our eternal future.