

VI. Laws of Divine Establishment and the Royal Family Honor Code: Spiritual Adult Under Pressure: 7 Formulas

NOTE: Suspended study for Easter special, "Much Better Than The Angels," Sunday, 16 April 1995, both sessions. See Specials.

The Function of Humility and Loyalty under Pressure

In the past we have analyzed the principles of humility and the loyalty to truth under pressure by means of formulas.

We need to review these now as a way of illustrating the function of Philippians 2:12, Philippians 2:13, Philippians 2:14, and Philippians 2:15 when applied under the pressures of the Angelic Conflict.

The first set will take us back to the last few words of Philippians 2:12, "*reverence and respect*," which appear in most English translations as "*fear and trembling*."

Baby or adolescent believers are prone to comply with divine mandates because of their fear of judicial application of penalty clauses should they fail to do so.

We illustrated this attitude with the following formula: Pr (Temp to violate, i.e., sin)

$$\mathbf{DM + PC = EH \rightarrow F/PC \rightarrow C}$$

Div Mand + Pen Cl = Enf Humil; Under Pres prod Fear of PC wh prod Compliance

Adult believers are prone to comply with divine mandates because of their personal love for God and a desire to serve Him.

We illustrated this attitude by this second formula: Pr (Temp to violate, i.e., sin)

$$\mathbf{DM + PL/G = GH \rightarrow DE \rightarrow C}$$

Div Mand + PL/God = Gen Humil; Under Pres prod Desire to Execute wh prod Compl (See Proverbs 15:33)

The Philippian believers have cultivated their souls with Bible doctrine so that they can reap the harvest of delivering themselves from danger and protecting themselves from persecution.

Part of this process is their doctrinal orientation to reality: they do not seek to challenge establishment authority but rather seek not to be a disgrace to society.

They submit to the king and obey the laws of the land which do not ask them to compromise inflexible divine mandates.

As adult believers they execute the Christian way of life under pressure and thus become persons of honor.

The loyalty of the adult believer toward truth when placed under pressure is illustrated by the following formula:

FORMULA #1:

GAP

$$\mathbf{F/HS: +V = T \rightarrow SSE}$$

PRINCIPLE: The filling of the Holy Spirit plus positive volition under the authority of the Grace Apparatus for Perception results in the accumulation of truth in the heart. Over a period of time this produces Spiritual Self- esteem.

NOTE: Once spiritual self-esteem is attained, the believer then begins a series of tests which are designed to prepare him for Evidence Testing.

FORMULA #2:

Pr/PPS

T -> SSE + L/T = SA

PRINCIPLE: Truth in the heart produces Spiritual Self-esteem which will eventually be placed under the pressure of Providential Preventive Suffering. If the believer maintains loyalty to truth while under this pressure, he will advance to the level of Spiritual Autonomy, he becomes spiritually self-sustaining.

NOTE: Loyalty is defined as a faithfulness that is steadfast in the face of any temptation to renounce, desert, or betray its norms and standards.

FORMULA #3:

Pr/MT

T -> SA + L/T = SM

PRINCIPLE: Truth in the soul produces Spiritual Autonomy which will eventually be placed under the pressure of Momentum Testing. If the believer maintains loyalty to truth while under this pressure, he will advance to the level of Spiritual Maturity.

FORMULA #4:

Pr/ET

T -> SM + L/T = Gf/G -> EB/T(2)

PRINCIPLE: Truth in the heart produces Spiritual Maturity which qualifies one to come under the pressure of Evidence Testing. If the believer maintains loyalty to truth while under this pressure, he will Glorify God in the Angelic Conflict and find his Escrow Blessings, temporarily removed during the testing, returned to him two-fold.

NOTE: In each case, truth is the catalyst producing ascending levels of Christian Integrity. When each level of Christian Integrity is placed under the pressure of suffering, and the believer maintains loyalty to truth under that pressure, he demonstrates the virtue of honor. All these levels of pressure and virtue can be summarized by means of a fifth formula:

FORMULA #5:

Pr

T -> CI + L/T = H

PRINCIPLE: Truth produces Christian Integrity. When Christian Integrity is placed under pressure and the believer maintains loyalty to the truth, he becomes a person of honor.

As the believer is transformed into a vessel of honor by means of the inculcation of truth into his stream of consciousness, his heart is clothed in an invisible Uniform of Honor.

This Uniform of Honor is parlayed into a Uniform of Glory as a part of the 5th Nike Award at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

Our study of Philippians 2:12, Philippians 2:13, Philippians 2:14, and Philippians 2:15, and a review of these formulas for the production of honor, brings us back to our study of Romans 13 and the believer's application of the Royal Family Honor Code toward the state.

In order to return to that portion of our study, it might be advisable for us to review at least the outline for the Christian Way of Life: