

At spiritual birth we enter the royal family of the Lord Jesus Christ, and He has given us His code of honor by which to live.

1. Respect the privacy of the royal priesthood.
2. Love all people with impersonal love
3. Recognize that all believers have a common objective
4. Build integrity; do no distort morality
5. Never assume that production is a means of divine blessing
6. Depend totally on the integrity of God
7. Remember that the honor code is for all believers.
8. More is demanded of the strong than the weak
9. Orient to authority
10. Reciprocate for the privilege of hearing doctrine taught

The Christian way of life is a life of freedom (Gal. 5:1)

Privacy is essential to freedom. The principle of the honor code, then, is "live and let live" (Rom. 14:7,8)

This means abstaining from gossip, maligning, judging, character assassination, and evil speculation from rumors and hearsay. (Rom. 14:2,3)

Impersonal love emphasizes your own integrity, which demands that you hold no grudge or resentment against anyone, especially other believers, who possess the same imputed righteousness of God that you possess (Heb. 13:1)

God keeps each believer alive to advance to maturity in the divine dynasty. You must submit to the authority of your pastor-teacher, but this also means that you must demonstrate courtesy, thoughtfulness, and sensitivity toward those in the congregation who may be at a different stage of spiritual growth (Rom. 15:5-7)

Integrity is the standard of the royal family, superior to morality, which belongs to believer and unbeliever alike. The believer's integrity is rooted in the filling of the Spirit and in Bible doctrine.