

- 2- Establishment Morality is for the entire human race and therefore is to be observed by the believer and unbeliever alike.
- 3- Whatever the unbeliever can do is not the Christian way of life.
- 4- The Christian way of life is what the Holy Spirit produces in the life of a believer who is positive to Bible doctrine.
- 5- The believer in spiritual adulthood functions within the environment of spiritual self-esteem.
- 6- With advanced doctrine circulating in his stream of consciousness he develops Christian Integrity.
- 7- When placed under pressure, such a believer is challenged to maintain loyalty to truth in his soul.
- 8- When he remains loyal to truth under pressure, then he manifests his Christian Integrity by being a person of honor.
- 9- Honor is loyalty to the Word of God under pressure.
- 10- In his interpersonal relationships he remains loyal to the Honor Code within the environment of spiritual self-esteem and under the enabling power of the Holy Spirit.
- 11- Therefore, the offended believer knows from doctrine that he has no jurisdiction over his adversary.
- 12- He is aware of divine policy not to fight evil with evil.
- 13- He understands that he is to maintain harmony with all mankind as long as it depends on him.
- 14- When his adversary breaks the harmony he knows that he is not permitted to avenge himself.
- 15- Instead he is to defer to the prosecution of the justice of God.
- 16- He is confident that in so doing Jesus Christ is honor bound to punish his antagonist because of the immutable principles found in the Word of God.

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- 17- The administration of this punishment is so certain in the mind of the offended believer that if he should ever discover that his assailant is hungry he would never consider allowing him to starve but would instead feed him.
- 18- This demonstrates a dependence on the justice of God to deal with the situation rather than becoming hostile and avenging ~~your~~^{HIM}self.
- 19- This gesture forces your adversary to function on your standards. You have raised the stakes to your level: the royal family honor code, where your enemy cannot compete.
- 20- A person can last a good while without food but if he is without water then his days are numbered. Next we have the second occurrence of the conditional conjunction:

>EA'N = again this introduces the protasis of a third class condition, translated "if." Next comes the present active subjunctive again, this time from the verb:

DIPSA'W = to be thirsty

- 1- In this case your enemy is close to death. He needs water to keep from dehydrating and dying.
- 2- In this situation you have the option of saving the person's life.
- 3- If we are under mandate to leave punishment in the hands of the Lord then why not walk away?
- 4- This is another opportunity to demonstrate the fact that you have deferred the case to the justice of God.
- 5- The Lord could have arranged the decrees so that your paths would never have crossed in this circumstance.
- 6- Therefore, imagine the subtlety of this test. Here is a person who has been hostile to you, treated you unjustly and unfairly.
- 7- You have left his punishment in the Lord's hands and have maintained a policy of non-aggression in which you seek no revenge or retribution.
- 8- You have a clear conscience on the matter and harbor no animosity toward your aggressor.

- 9- Suddenly you find you are in a position to determine whether the person lives or dies.
- 10- The honor code says that even though you could easily justify this as the Lord's fulfillment of the divine proclamation, "I will repay," you do the honorable thing and save the person's life.
- 11- This verse is usually misinterpreted by pacifists who seek a rationale for avoiding military service and killing the enemy on the battlefield.
- 12- But that is the function of civil government not the interpersonal exchanges of individual citizens and associates.
- 13- When one is at war he is following the order of senior ranking officers who have been ordered to battle by civilian authorities.
- 14- The soldier is never personally or emotionally involved with his opponent on a battlefield.
- 15- He is a professionally trained soldier who's job it is to kill people and to break things.
- 16- His enemy has committed no personal offense to him nor visa versa.
- 17- Their respective governments have committed them to war and their job is to kill each other until a military or diplomatic solution is reached.
- 18- Neither should give ^{ANY} quarter, nor ask any, but rather endeavor to kill as efficiently as possible until a decision is reached or life is lost.
- 19- You should therefore kill without emotion for the sake of God, country and your sacred honor.
- 20- This verse relates to individuals who are associated in some way or another in normal life: they are in the same organization, neighbors, teammates, fellow workers, fellow soldiers.
- 21- Often you will be in a position of leadership and someone under your charge is constantly challenging your authority. He makes life miserable by sowing discontent and creating disorder.

- 22- You deal with such people professionally and without personal animosity. You never devise schemes for retaliation or plot revenge.
- 23- And finally when payday comes and the wrath of God's justice has him at death's door, you show up on the scene.
- 24- Your job is to be professional, unemotional and honorable. You save the man's life.
- 25- This is symbolized by the idea of providing water to a person dying of thirst.
- 26- From this we can discern the principle of equality before the law. In any organization leadership must treat everyone equal--enemies and friends.
- 27- In life everyone is equal before the law; in business everyone is equal under company policy; in the military everyone is equal with regard to process and procedure.
- 28- Professionally you never treat anyone different and you therefore are able to deal with both difficult personalities as well as cooperative ones without becoming petty and vindictive.
- 29- Like the verb for hunger, we ~~have~~ have the aoristic present of **DIPSA'W**:

pres = Aoristic; an action which takes place at a moment in time. You are to save his life then. In doing so you allow the grace of God to one of three things:

- 1- Motivate him to give an objective hearing to the Gospel of Jesus Christ which will spare his life and remove the punishment.
- 2- Motivate him to rebound and reenter the divine power system and recover through the inculcation of doctrine.
- 3- Keep him alive awhile longer to inflict more suffering and pain from divine punishment.

This is God's option, not ours, therefore we must provide him with water.

act = the antagonist produces the action of being thirsty to the point of death.

subj = Potential; such a circumstance may occur in the future or it may not occur. If it does then you are to "give him drink." The present active imperative of the verb:

POTI'ZW = "give him drink"

pres = indicates that in every such case you would do the same thing

act = the positive believer gives water to his enemy as a matter of honor and not as an act of morality.

imp = This is a command and therefore sets us the ultimate test within the honor code: will you save the life of the one who has harmed you when you could just as easily let him die?

1- This is a true test of one's honor. You may have turned the case over to the Supreme Court of Heaven for prosecution.

2- You may be completely clear with regard to mental attitude sins toward this person.

3- As far as you are concerned it is entirely in the hands of the Lord.

4- But loyalty to truth must be an habitual exercise under all kinds of pressure.


5- If given the opportunity, would you submit to the temptation of allowing the person to die if his life was in your hands?


6- If you fail this test then you loose and you have lowered yourself to the level of your adversary!

7- It means you have no endurance, no stick-to-it-iveness, no tenacity for the long haul. You are a three-quarter player. You look good for three quarters but fold in the fourth where games are won and lost. Or, you pitch 8 shut-out innings but can't last the ninth. (The Atlanta Brave Syndrome.)

8- Can you rise above the petty delight which comes from letting your emotions have their way with a helpless enemy?

9- Yes! You will do this by means of the honor code. You will rise above the mundane with continued deference to the justice of God and its adjudication of the case.

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