

VI. Laws of Divine Establishment and the Royal Family Honor Code: Love and Reverence

Here we find ourselves inside the Divine Power System at Gates 3 and 5 making a transition from enforced humility to genuine humility.

The thing that makes the conversion is the development of personal love for God the Father.

Once personal love for God becomes a reality, fear is exchanged for reverence.

Up until then, motivation for compliance to the plan of God and its mandates is found in fear of punishment.

But once personal love for God is accomplished, the fear of punishment is replaced by a desire to serve Him, to keep His commandments, and to revere Him as our Father.

1 John 5:1 - Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born from God and everyone who loves the Father loves everyone who has been born from Him.

Please observe that the motivational virtue for having unconditional love for one's fellow man is to develop personal love for God first.

When fear of God is replaced by personal love for Him, the believer moves beyond morality into a higher level of thought called integrity

Integrity is characterized by personal love for God followed by unconditional love for all other believers.

1 John 5:2 - By this we have come to know that we keep unconditionally loving the children of God when we personally love God and keep His mandates.

The key to making the transfer from enforced humility to genuine humility is the development of personal love for God.

The willing desire to know the Word and to obey its requirements is the way in which the believer expresses his love for God.

1 John 5:3 - This is personal love for God, that we might continue to execute His mandates because His mandates are never difficult to fulfill.

It is an honorable thing to execute the plan and will of God. Honor is the outward expression of inner integrity.

Part of that honorable lifestyle is unconditional love for your fellow believer.

This unconditional love indicates that the subject is positive to the plan of God. He loves the unlovely because he is motivated by his personal love for God.

Personal love for God is the beginning of Christian integrity.

Personal love for God is the reverence which replaces one's fear of God.