- 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.

- **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.

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5- In Romans the word **>ELPI'S** is translated "hope" but really means "confidence" and has three applications:

The first hope or confidence is that through faith in Christ we will be saved from the Lake of Fire.

The second hope or confidence is that through our due diligence in Bible class we will be imputed blessings in time.

The third hope or confidence is that through physical death we will be imputed blessings in eternity at the Judgement Seat of Christ.

- 6- Implied in the third hope is that because of our eternal life we will be provided with a resurrection body in which to live it.
- 7- This solves a problem related to ourselves and others. We know our destiny and the destiny of our fellow believers.
- 8- Confident of a mutually shared eternal future, an esprit de corps develops among believers. muthay //C
- 9- The word for "rejoice" or "joyful" is ChAI'RW. In Romans 5:1-5, Paul uses this word to indicate the inner pleasure one has regarding a person, a thing or an organization.
- 10- The Person from whom the believer derives pleasure is Jesus Christ, the thing is eternal security and the organization is the heavenly community of which we are all a part.
- 11- Knowledge that you have eternal security eliminates the motivation for fear in your life.
- 12- There is never a reason to fear failure, circumstances, situations, physical death, other people or your temporal future.
- 13- Having confidence your eternal future is secure, you possess an esprit de corps with all other members of the royal family.
- 14- You know whatever trials you face, others have done so as well and God's grace was sufficient.

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- 15- Thus when you face undeserved suffering you are enabled to stand fast because of the confidence you have regarding the third hope: your eternal future is secure.
- 16- Although circumstances may arise which place you between Scylla and Charybdis, you have knowledge of doctrine to help you make the right choice. *
- 17- Where information is lacking you may resort to prayer and appeal to the supreme court of heaven for direction and guidance in the choices which must be made.
- 18- Utilizing the Biblical problem-solving devices to stabilize your soul, you permit providence to take its course.
- 19- In such a situation your attitude will be that of Joseph Hall's Honest Man: "in all things, good or ill, he respects the nature of the action, not the sequel."¹
- 20- Once you are able to handle the problems in life related to God and self then you are prepared to handle the problems presented by your fellow man.

Honor Code Principle #7: Maintain poise and objectivity when fellow believers malign you. Never make excuses. Never retaliate. Romans 12:

- v 14 = Speak well of those who persecute you; keep on speaking well and do not curse them.
- 1- Sooner or later someone is going to make you the object of their gossip. You are going to be judged and maligned and criticized.
- 2- Their accusation may be the result of false assumptions or the product of sound analysis from all the facts.

Hall, Joseph. "The Honest Man." Vol. 1 of <u>The Literature of England</u>, edited by George B. Woods, et al., 616. Chicago: Scott Foresman and Company, 1947.