

- 3- The thing that converts a wild and disorganized group of people into an harmonious unit is not rights or equality but doctrine.
- 4- The Teutonic hoards of fourth century Europe were far more ruthless than the gangs which populate the larger cities of our United States. What converted our barbaric ancestors can also convert our nation's minority groups.
- 5- And if it can work on them then it surely can work on people in a local church.
- 6- Rodney King asked the question following the Los Angeles riots, "Can we get along"? Paul went further than this in Ephesians 4:

v 25 = Having laid aside the lie (while simultaneously putting on the truth) each one of you speak truth with his fellow believer, since we are members of one another.
- 7- This is a command to the believer to think honor code principles to fellow members of the royal family.
- 8- He communicates the very same thing to Roman believers in Romans 12:

v 16 = Be thinking the same mental attitude toward each other. *ΕΦΗΣ (Χ)*
- 9- The doctrines one thinks toward each other are summed up in the royal family honor code and respects the privacy of the priesthood and the principle of live and let live.
- 10- With honor code principles on the FLOT Line, the believer is enabled to "get along" with everyone in a congregation.
- 11- This does not imply that you will be friends with everyone in a church. It does implore you to deal with them in ~~such~~ a manner that is free of personal antagonisms and respects their right to worship on an equal basis with you.
- 12- This requires genuine humility, brought out by the second use of the present active participle of:

*E-9/15
B-9/17* PhRONE'W = thought, plus the negative Mn'; "Do not be thinking"

- 1- In order to fulfill the first commandment of the verse you must also fulfill the second: "Do not be thinking in terms of arrogance," the direct object from the adjective: **UPsnLO'S** = high; lofty elevation; arrogant ambition.
- 2- Instead we are to accept all believers without preconceived notions. Whatever problems they may manifest are problems which doctrine can solve.
- 3- They do not necessarily need your friendship but they do not need your arrogance either.
- 4- Give unfortunate personalities space to grow, be encouraging and helpful or do nothing at all.
- 5- But within a local church you are going to be forced from time to time to associate with those you find unattractive to you. Work with them anyway.
- 6- This is the mandate of the present middle participle of the verb:

SUNAPA'GW = associate;

Those with whom you are to associate are described by the dative of association from:

TAPEINO'S = undistinguished; humble in the sense of not being in a position of power or esteem.

- 1- Who are these people? They are those whom you determine they are. You are a deacon and therefore you do not consider non-deacons worth associating with; you teach Prep School and thus feel privileged because of it; you have been in the church for 16 years and thus look down on anyone who is a newcomer. These are expressions of arrogance.
- 2- Whenever you are placed in a situation where association is necessary, you are to do so in a gracious and professional manner.
- 3- You may not assume yourself to be spiritually advanced and thus aloof from such people.
- 4- Your standing within or without the church is of no consequence with regard to your personal dealings with members of the royal family.
- 5- The way you develop such a mental attitude is that you do not consider yourself wise in your own estimation.

present active imperative of the verb:

GI'NOMAI + the neg **Mn'** = stop becoming:

PhRO'NIMOS = wisdom; "wise"

Followed by the preposition **PARA'** + the locative pronoun:

<**EAUTOU^** = "in your own estimation"

- 1- This refers to pseudo wisdom. You begin to think that since you've been around church for a long time, ~~that~~ your opinions are equal to doctrine.
- 2- In arrogance a person will state his pseudo wisdom to others he assumes are less doctrinally informed.
- 3- If in his verbal prestidigitation he is able to get them to agree with his statements then not only does he assume he is right, he begins to form a following.
- 4- This is the early stage of clique formation. Opinions are passed down to the codependent pawns in the form of certain doctrinal phrases.
- 5- Through the use of this pseudo wisdom many are manipulated and controlled for the personal benefit of the dominant clique leader.
- 6- This honor code principle prevents the organization of cliques and frees everyone to grow in grace at his own pace.
- 7- The ability of people within a group who have diverse backgrounds, upbringing, social class, life experience and education to function as a unit is possible only through the ability of each one to think from a mutual inventory of doctrinal ideas.
- 8- It is clear from our own European heritage, that when people are not able to think doctrine, they resort to the wild, chaotic and brutal activities of the barbaric Teutonic hoards we call our forefathers.
- 9- As the people of the United States lose their ability to think doctrinally, the commonwealth steadily slides into the same chaotic status which was once the Zeitgeist of our ancestors.
- 10- It is not only logical but historically documented that groups of people act like they think.

- 11- When everyone thinks truth toward one another (LDE) then a civilized society emerges and produces prosperity.
- 12- When everyone thinks under the hypocrisy of pseudo wisdom (judging, maligning, self-centeredness) then a wild, disordered and chaotic society emerges and produces either anarchy or tyranny.
- 10- **Honor Code Principle #10:** Two wrongs do not make a right. Respect those who represent the foundational institutions of an orderly society. Romans 12:

v 17 = Never pay back evil for evil. Respect what is honorable in the sight of all mankind.

- 1- The first sentence begins with the present active participle of the verb:

>**APODI'DWMI** = to pay back in the sense of revenge. However this is accompanied by the dative of disadvantage from:

MnDEI'S = never; TXL: "Never pay back"

pres = Customary; this is what habitually occurs. The advanced believer functions under a policy of personal integrity. Integrity dictates that as a matter of honor revenge tactics may not be considered in problem solving.

act = The advanced believer produces the action of the verb as a part of his customary modus operandi.

part = Imperative use; a command and thus a part of the Honor Code.

Next comes the word which makes clear what tactics are not to be used in problem solving:

KAKO'S = evil; This is how the attack by a fellow believer is described. Evil is the plan of Satan and is in total opposition to the divine policy of grace. This is followed by the preposition:

>**ANTI'** = instead of; plus the repetition of **KAKO'S**.

TXL: "Never pay back evil for evil."