

Glossary of the Privileged Class: Gentleman: Kindness, Courtesy, Honor, Refined Thought, Royal Lineage, Chivalrous Instincts, Oriented to Protocol

2. **Gentleman:** A man of good breeding, kindness, courtesy, and honor; a man having worthy ideals and refinement of thought and action. A man of good family or good social position; a man who bears a coat of arms, or whose ancestors have been freemen [WNTCD-2]. A man of gentle birth attached to the household of the sovereign or other person of high rank and accompanied by appropriate qualities and behavior; hence, in general, a man of chivalrous instincts and fine feelings [OED]. A chivalrous, courteous, or honorable man [NOAD]. A polite, gracious, or considerate man with high standards of propriety or correct behavior [AHD/EL].

- (1) “Good breeding” would refer in our context to the spiritual birth of the believer into the royal family of God followed by his instruction in the royal family’s honor code which results in “kindness”: a disposition that shows interest in others, “courtesy”: overt expressions of respect and politeness, and “honor”: excellence of character based on doctrinal standards. (1 Corinthians 5:17a)
- (2) “Worthy ideals and refinement of thought and action” would define the believer whose viewpoint is developed on doctrinal principles and which is expressed by speech and application.
- (3) “A man of good family and social position” emphasizes the believer’s adoption into the royal family of God. The social position held by the believer is that of an aristocrat but with an humble disposition absent snobbery.
- (4) “A man who bears a coat of arms, or whose ancestors have been freemen” implies the imputation of escrow blessings which would include upon conveyance a coat of arms: paragraph two of the sixth Nike Award (Revelation 3:12b). Our Ancestor in the royal family is Jesus Christ Who through His work on the cross has granted us spiritual freedom. (Galatians 5:1a)
- (5) “A man of gentle birth attached to the household of the sovereign or other person of high rank” is another way of identifying the believer with the household of God through the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This is positional truth often spoken of by Paul with the phrase, “in Christ” (Romans 6:3-4, 11), by which we share all the attributes He possesses in His resurrected humanity: righteousness, eternal life, sonship, heirship, royalty, priesthood, election, destiny, and sanctification. These assets are to be ...
- (6) “accompanied by appropriate qualities and behavior; hence, in general, a man of chivalrous instincts and fine feelings.” “Appropriate qualities and behavior” speak of the believer’s ability to follow protocol.
- (7) The plan of God functions under a system of protocol: rules that establish proper and correct relations with heads of states and their ministers [WNTCD-2].
- (8) This definition is applied to Christian protocol as proper and correct relations for believers in their daily modus operandi and is defined as follows:

A rigid, long-established code, prescribing complete deference to superior rank and authority, followed by strict adherence to due order of precedence, coupled with precisely correct procedure.