

## VI. Laws of Divine Establishment and the Royal Family Honor Code: Purpose Clause

Philippians 2:15 reveals the purpose for maintaining a spiritual lifestyle such as that which Paul has recognized among the Philippians (Philippians 2:12, Philippians 2:13, and Philippians 2:14). That purpose is the development of invisible historical impact in the midst of a declining Zeitgeist:

Philippians 2:15 reads this way in the New American Standard Bible:

**Philippians 2:15 - that you may prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world.**

It begins with the conjunction which introduces a purpose clause: *hina* - “*in order that*” or “*for the purpose that*.”

The purpose clause indicates the expected result of those things which have been accomplished in Philippians 2:12, Philippians 2:13, and Philippians 2:14.

When believers simultaneously bond together into a semi-public assembly called the local church and, over a significant period of time, advance in unison to spiritual maturity, they influence their client nation’s Zeitgeist through invisible historical impact.

Let’s go back and review those things this congregation has accomplished under the ministries of Paul, Luke, and others including, possibly, Timothy:

They always submitted to the teaching authority of Paul and his associates.

Their devotion to the Word was not dependent upon the enforced humility of Paul’s presence but on their inner resource of genuine humility.

Their willing submission to authority plus their genuine humility resulted in a willing cultivation of their streams of consciousness with biblical problem-solving devices.

This means that these believers are prepared within their souls to stand fast in the presence of danger.

Their knowledge of doctrine will deliver them from this danger and preserve them in the face of persecution.

The power which enables them to accomplish this level of divine thought is supplied by the indwelling and filling ministries of the Holy Spirit.

They go above and beyond when they use the power of the Holy Spirit to execute the plan of God under pressure.

No matter how oppressive the government’s opposition may become, the Philippians are advised to keep on doing these things without discontent and argumentations.

As an ambassador for Christ, the believer is to submit to the orders issued by God in His Word.

No questions asked, no self-righteous justification allowed for personal violation of established divine policy.

This policy prevents the believer from evolving into a secessionist, clique leader, crusader, insurrectionist, or revolutionary.

Further directives are issued in 1 Peter 2:11, 1 Peter 2:12, 1 Peter 2:13, 1 Peter 2:14, 1 Peter 2:15, 1 Peter 2:16 and 1 Peter 2:17:

We are to abstain from such fleshly lusts as those which follow the mental attitude and verbal sins mentioned in Philippians 2:14: discontent and argumentations.

We are to keep our behavior excellent among the unbelieving population.

By obeying the law, they are left only with charges born of religious prejudice when they slander us as evildoers. This means we are to submit to every human institution for the Lord's sake.