# 1 CODE OF CONDUCT

Ephesians 4:1-3

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• *I*, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, <sup>2</sup> with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

## 3 Boy Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

#### 4 The Boy Scout Law

1) A Scout is Trustworthy; 2) A Scout is Loyal; 3) A Scout is Helpful; 4) A Scout is Friendly; 5) A Scout is Courteous; 6) A Scout is Kind; 7) A Scout is Obedient; 8) A Scout is Cheerful; 9) A Scout is Thrifty; 10) A Scout is Brave; 11) A Scout is Clean; 12) A Scout is Reverent.

## 5 PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

• Who am I responsible to?

• <u>Colossians 1:9-10</u>: For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; <sup>10</sup> that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

## 6 Paul's Explanation

- The prisoner of (literally 'in')Jesus Christ
- He was in prison at Rome--Some would have said he was the prisoner of Rome--Paul said he was the prisoner of Jesus Christ.
- When captured: On road to Damascus
- One characteristic of a prisoner is loss of freedom

## 7 Why Responsible?

- Created by God
- Called
  - Salvation
  - Service
  - -Philippians 1:27: Only let your conduct be <u>worthy of the gospel of Christ</u>, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.

## 8 Paul's Explanation

- Meaning of 'worthy': To weigh
- Hebrews 4:13: And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and

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open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

#### 9 1 Corinthians 3:11-15

• For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, <sup>13</sup> each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. <sup>14</sup> If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

#### 10 DEMANDS A MANNER OF CONDUCT

- What is the Manner of the Code?
  - Humility
  - Humility comes from a vision of Christ.

#### 11 Philippians 2:5-8

• Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, <sup>7</sup> but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men, <sup>8</sup> And being bound in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

#### 12 Col. 3:1, 2

• If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

#### 13 Hebrews 12:2

- Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- Isaiah 6

#### 14 Meekness

- Never angry at the wrongs he suffers at the hands of others--only angry at the wrongs and sufferings of others.
- Examples: Jesus...Stephen
- Matthew 11:29: Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle (meek) and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls

#### 15 Patience

- Never gives up
- Has the power to retaliate, but never does.
- "I have just begun to fight."
- Slowness in avenging wrong
- God's patience with men 2 Peter 3:15: And consider that the <u>longsuffering</u> of our Lord is salvation.

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16 **Love** 

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- Forbearing
- Unconditional
- Unconquerable
- Supernatural

# 17 The Principles

- Different from the world's
- Through His strength,
  - Philippians 4:13: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
- Depends on cancellation of self