

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

Courageous Loyalty

Courage - is the confidence of thoroughgoing honesty about those things which one professes to believe (p.1041).

Loyalty - devotion to highest duty (p.51).

Human Loyalties - personal honor, family love, religious obligations, and economic necessity (p.2080).

A. PERSONAL HONOR

1. When you are depressed or a little angry and someone asks "How are you doing?", what do you say?
2. Do you always keep your promises? Is it OK to break some promises? Which ones?
3. How do you feel about telling those "little white lies"? Are they sometimes OK? When?
4. If someone asks you a question and you know the answer will hurt them, what do you do? Why?
5. Is it OK to let someone assume something is true when you know it isn't? Can you tell a lie or deceive someone by not saying a word?
6. How should financial dealings be influenced by personal honor?

7. Have you seen improvement in this area of your life:
 - 1) since you started studying the URANTIA BOOK?
 - 2) the last two years?Please discuss this.

8. How does excessive daydreaming at work relate to personal honor?

B. FAMILY LOVE

1. "Children are permanently impressed only by the loyalties of their adult associates" (p.1094).

How do you show any loyalties (devotion) to your family?

2. Do you spend enough quality time with them? How often do you say: "Not now, I'm busy"?

3. Do you try to pattern your parenting after the way of the Father? Do you try to be forgiving, understanding, tolerant, compassionate and loving with your children as He is with you? Give examples.

4. Does your family know their value to you? How do you show them?

5. Have you noticed improvement in this area over the last year? Why?

C. RELIGIOUS OBLIGATIONS

1. Peter denied the Master three times. What do you say when someone asks:
 - 1) "Where do you go to church?"
 - 2) "What's that book you got?"
 - 3) "Who wrote that thing?"
2. How much time and effort have you spent in the last month in learning more about the Father and His children? Was this enough time? Explain.
3. How much time have you spent in practicing what you've learned? When is it the hardest for you to practice what you've learned?
4. Do you take all appropriate opportunities to share what you've learned? If not, why not?
5. Have you been more loyal in your obligations since you've been reading the Urantia Book?
6. Has your loyalty improved over the last year in this area?

D. ECONOMIC NECESSITY

1. Do you devote enough time and effort to your work?
Do you devote too much time and effort to your work?
Why?

2. What are economic necessities to you?

3. Economic necessity may be a desirable loyalty, but what about economic "wants"? How do you prioritize your economic "wants" with family life? - with your spiritual life?

4. Give an example of when you've "turned to the task at hand" and completed it even though you didn't want to.

5. How does the story of the "Talents" (p.1916) concern you personally? What relationship does it have with economic necessity?

6. In what ways have you improved in this area over the last year?