



Glorifying God

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in Family, Religious, and Public Life

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We must be integrated in our relationships. The Christian individual must be successful in his relationships...in the family, in church, and in society. The Christian individual desires to live according to their heavenly aspirations.

The Family:

- a) He has good relations with his parents; "Honor thy father and mother."
- b) He respects his older siblings and learns from their experience.
- c) He is kind with his younger siblings and serves them.
- d) He holds married life sacred and is united with his wife spiritually.
- e) He endeavors to give his children a Christian upbringing within the Church.
- f) He respects the humanity of those who work for the family.

In Church:

- a) He knows that he should be an active member.
- b) He knows that he needs the other members.
- c) He works in all humility, without jealousy or envy, without disputes or conflicts, preserving the peace and promoting the welfare of the ministry.
- d) He understands the concept of the One Body and is quick to serve others.
- e) He knows how important order and discipline are and so behaves with the clergymen and those responsible in all love, humility, and gentleness.
- f) He is aware of human frailty and so judges no one but himself.
- g) He knows the value of constructive criticism and accepts/offers it with love, gentleness, and humility.
- h) He knows that judging others is a noxious wind that blows away all fruits.
- i) Schism is a great undertaking, for the welfare of Satan.

In Society:

- a) He knows that he is part of the fabric of the country of residence. We may be a minority; being a numerical minority does not negate our ethnic origin.
- b) He knows that he is a witness to the Lord Jesus Christ in society. That is why he presents a faithful Christian model, spreading love and doing good.
- c) He is the light of the world, the salt of the earth, and an ambassador of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- d) He is not a fanatic, for his mind is enlightened with the Spirit of God and the words of the Holy Gospel.
- e) He is not sectarian for he knows that it is one of the most powerful tools for the destruction of the homeland.
- f) He rejects violence, for it is a means of expression that the God of love does not accept.
- g) He contributes his opinion, his efforts, and his work to the building of the country.
- h) He has the feeling of belonging, giving before taking.
- i) He makes sure that he has a voice in the building of national unity.

May the Lord grant us all that we may strive together so that the Orthodox servant might glorify God in his family, public and religious life.

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