

DUTY, HONOR, SACRIFICE

Exceptional Disciples of Jesus Christ
Faithful Servants of the Most High God
Extraordinary Soldiers of the Cross

Military Mottoes

- Militaries and their units usually have motivational mottoes.
- Romans used “Strength and Honor” and “Truth and Virtue.”
- West Point uses “Duty, Honor, Country.” (MacArthur; 1962.)
- Soldiers commit their lives to the rules and causes of others.
- Our God and King deserves better from us. There is a cause!
- Military mottoes: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_military_unit_mottoes_by_country

A Lesson of Three C's

- **Conscience** must be fully trained with integrity and followed.
- **Character** is the code and traits that define and govern you.
- **Conduct** is what you actually put into practice from the above.
- Duty is what you do; honor is how; sacrifice is what you will pay.
- It is not perfection (no one is perfect), but it never gives up.
- With God on his side ... this man will do exploits (Dan 11:32).

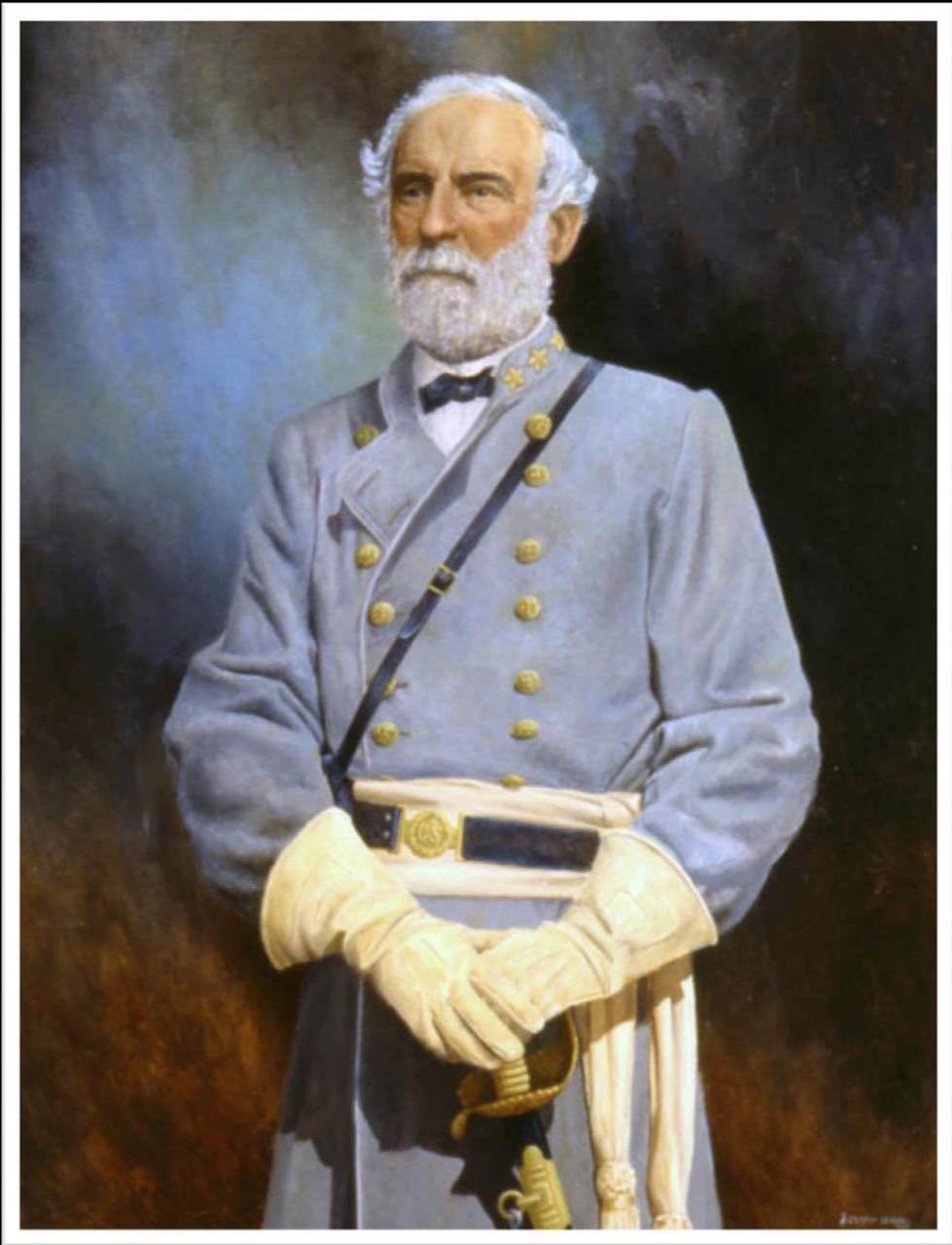














UNITED STATES MARINES



I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God.

Ranger Creed

Recognizing that I volunteered as a Ranger, fully knowing the hazards of my chosen profession, I will always endeavor to uphold the prestige, honor, and high esprit de corps of my Ranger Regiment.

Acknowledging the fact that a Ranger is a more elite soldier who arrives at the cutting edge of battle by land, sea, or air, I accept the fact that as a Ranger my country expects me to move farther, faster and fight harder than any other soldier.

Never shall I fail my comrades. I will always keep myself mentally alert, physically strong and morally straight and I will shoulder more than my share of the task whatever it may be, one-hundred-percent and then some.

Gallantly will I show the world that I am a specially selected and well-trained soldier. My courtesy to superior officers, neatness of dress and care of equipment shall set the example for others to follow.

Energetically will I meet the enemies of my country. I shall defeat them on the field of battle for I am better trained and will fight with all my might. Surrender is not a Ranger word. I will never leave a fallen comrade to fall into the hands of the enemy and under no circumstances will I ever embarrass my country.

Readily will I display the intestinal fortitude required to fight on to the Ranger objective and complete the mission though I be the lone survivor.

There is a true glory
and a true honor: the
glory of duty
done--the honor of the
integrity of
principle.

Robert E. Lee

Every soldier or Marine who ever served in combat sometimes gets disillusioned with what happens in war, but you push on. You took a sacred oath to serve your country. Duty, honor, and country are your constant reminders. It is not for you to reason why, it's for you to do or die.

"Duty is ours; consequences are God's."

“Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the LORD do that which seemeth him good” (II Sam 10:12).

**“Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit
you like men, be strong” (1 Cor 16:13).**

Engraved for FOX'S BOOK of Martyrs.
The Burning of JOHN HOOPER at Gloucester.



Martyrs Epitomize the Lesson

- They would not compromise any duty of Bible Christianity.
- They could have saved their lives by simply giving on a point.
- They laid down their lives with cheer, faith, and hope ruling.
- They copied their Lord and Savior by forgiving their enemies.
- They sacrificed the loss of all earthly assets, persons, and of life.
- They made a choice that doing things God's way was crucial.

Other Great Bible Examples

- Joseph must be near the top for his character throughout life.
- Daniel must be near the top for his character throughout life.
- Moses was viewed by God as faithful in all His house (Heb 3:2).
- Caleb, Joshua, Samuel, and others resisted sinful compromise.
- Paul honored his duty to Christ with great sacrifice of his life.
- Jesus kept all duties, honored His Father, and gave His life.

Joseph

- Out of duty, he told his father about his brothers, regardless.
- Out of duty, he scorned his boss's wife and risked all for God.
- Out of honor, he never rebelled in prison or anywhere else.
- Out of honor, he forgave his brothers entirely and quickly.
- Sacrificially, he flushed all bitterness and pride related to them.
- Sacrificially, he never complained or whined about his losses.

Daniel

- Out of duty, Daniel rejected Babylon's food rules to obey God.
- Out of duty, Daniel's three friends rejected universal religion.
- Out of honor, Daniel turned down Belshazzar's rich rewards.
- Out of honor, Daniel confessed his nation's sins like no other.
- Sacrificially, he would rather keep praying than save his life.
- Sacrificially, he denied himself good food three weeks to pray.

Duty, Honor, Sacrifice of Soldiers

- **DUTY:** Obey without question or compromise and with total loyalty and faith the officers over you and military regulations.
- **HONOR:** Conduct yourself at all times whether by regulation or not with nobility consistent with America's highest values.
- **SACRIFICE:** Be willing to do anything asked of you and when you can do no more to find more to do even to lose your life.

Duty, Honor, Sacrifice of Christians

- **DUTY:** Obey all the commandments and principles of the Bible with reverent fear of God and specified love of others.
- **HONOR:** Conduct yourself nobly as a child of God with holy desire for His glory and to grow in favor with God and men.
- **SACRIFICE:** Willingly give up anything for Him, His cause, and His children with cheerful reflection of Jesus Christ's sacrifices.

DUTY *Defined*

- Fear God and keep His commandments is your duty (Ec 12:13).
- Duty rejects emotions and feelings for Bible law and principle.
- Everything must be brought back to the Bible in all your life.
- Everything should be done for and with, *As the LORD liveth*.
- Your wife and children know they can always count on you.
- If you perfectly obey, you are still an unprofitable servant.

HONOR *Defined*

- Think, speak, and act like a prince, as did Araunah (II Sa 24:23).
- Pilate did not have much or any by his treatment of Jesus.
- It is being zealously affected always in a good thing (Gal 4:18).
- Your wife and children are surprised by your thoughtfulness.
- It is more being a gentleman (honor) than being a man (duty).
- David poured out water of Bethlehem in an honorable display.

HONOR *Defined*

- Lance stopped to let his top competitor, Jan Ulrich, remount.
- David's conduct toward Saul in spite of hate and opportunity.
- The sons of Zeruiah were zealous, but lacked honor like David.
- Honor is beyond the call of duty to be extra noble and classy.
- It is constantly thinking of a good reputation ... three names!
- There is no room in honor for any folly, or dead flies (Ecc1 10:1).

HONOR *Defined*

- It is David paying for the temple when he could not build it!
- Bereans were nobler than others for reception of the gospel.
- It is enthusiastic zeal in duties rather than perfunctory efforts.
- There is no honor in foolish talking or jesting. Be sober.
- Forgiveness and mercy beyond normal show great honor.
- Class is not costly or fake; it is graciousness and temperance.

SACRIFICE *Defined*

- It is the reasonable sacrifice to give things up for God (Ro 12:1).
- David would not let Araunah pay for his sacrifice (II Sam 24:24).
- You must count the cost and pay it to be Christ's (Luk 14:25-33).
- Losing your life for His sake is only way to find it (Matt 16:25).
- It is swearing to your hurt and paying a vow anyway (Ps 15:4).
- Paul counted all things in his life as dung and loss (Phil 3:8).

DUTY *Applied*

- Your walk with God as a joyful example of Christianity (Ge 18:19).
- Set rules for real modesty, check regularly, and enforce them.
- It is your duty to initiate and lead marital and family devotions.
- You must train children socially, professionally, financially, etc.
- Provide for your family's future if anything happened to you.
- A transferable skill and financial savings are not suggestions.

HONOR *Applied*

- It is the difference of obeying your parents or honoring them.
- It is attending church to participate, not to vegetate in a pew.
- It is seeking out uncomely members and giving them honor.
- It is going to those offended rather than confronting offenders.
- Talk less; take backseat; never presume; ask instead of answer.
- It is maxing the grace of lips while glorying in passing over!

HONOR *Applied*

- It is knowing and showing that giving is better than receiving.
- It is giving to those who cannot return the deed (Lu 14:12-14).
- It is commending and praising others at any opportunity.
- Never complaining ... but always thanking ... for everything.
- It is practicing the most graciousness with those closest to you.
- It classifies every offence as 100 pence or less ... and forgives!

SACRIFICE *Applied*

- Give up your home, schedule, time, comfort to help others.
- Give up your pride to forgive an offender and flush bitterness.
- Give up money (if you have it) to be liberal (Pr 11:25; Isaiah 32:8).
- Give up honor; we are at best unprofitable servants (Lu 17:10).
- Give up your right eye or right hand to increase your holiness.
- Reorder your life in any way necessary for godly priorities.

Marriage

- Duty to passionately love without bitterness (Pr 5:19; Col 3:19).
- Duty to rule spirit, communicate, cherish, and nourish her.
- Honor is to remember her weakness and adjust for it (I Pe 3:7).
- Honor is to search and discern her heart rather than words.
- Sacrifice your fantasies/habits for giving her due benevolence.
- Sacrifice her being away and your time, friends, money, pride.

Marriage

- Know to give your wife enough money for food, clothes, etc.
- Wives and children are weaker and need your mercy (1 Pet 3:7).
- Quality time is ... guess what ... time dedicated to her only.
- Your wife wants to know what you think, do, and are planning.
- Listening to your wife and taking her to a place of her choice.
- Forgive your wife ... trust your wife ... apologize to your wife.

Fathers

- Duty to teach them God's will and enforce it in their lives.
- Duty to teach them practical wisdom for professional success.
- Honor is an affectionate and personal relationship with them.
- Honor by commendation, liberty, and praise for good behavior.
- Sacrifice by getting out of your comfort zone and taking time.
- Sacrifice by allowing them some liberties from your choices.

Relationships

- Do you remember the relationship wheel with all your duties?
- Does your conscience, character, conduct prove you are third?
- Do you sincerely care about others and pursue them for them?
- Do you more freely and fully forgive others than they do you?
- Are you a peacemaker even to the point of suffering fraud?
- Do you love mercy? Love serving? Love listening?

Inputs

- Sacrifice will be involved to flush some and revive others.
- You cannot grow and be a prince without the right inputs.
- You will get weaker and be a castaway if you allow bad ones.
- Think music, movies, television, Internet, porn, games, friends.
- Think Bible, prayer, music, sermons, godly friends, meditation.
- Show your toughness to God, your family, and all others.

Personal Life

- Does your personal appearance reflect Christian character?
- Is your house well-kept and organized for easy entertaining?
- Does your vehicle reflect care and honor proper for Christians?
- You think clothes too carnal? Do soldiers wear just anything?
- Do you have the discipline to deny spending for savings?
- Do you have the discipline to deny friends for reaching out?





Conclusion

- Soldiers of the world's militaries use duty, honor, and country.
- We have a far better nation deserving better duty and honor.
- Our Commander-in-chief is the LORD God and Jesus Christ.
- They will study and train until they are perfectly fit soldiers.
- They will lay down their lives for their cause and companions.
- Will you be a soldier for Jesus Christ? **Duty, honor, sacrifice.**

For Further Study

- David's Mighty Men ... <http://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/davids-mighty-men.pdf>.
- Traits of Great Men ... <http://www.letgodbettrue.com/sermons/practical/c-character-traits/sermon.php#&panel1-1>.
- A Mighty Man's Life ... <http://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/a-mighty-man.pdf>.
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