

Lesson 12

12 Morality

PNP members shall adhere to high standards of morality and decency and shall set good examples for others to follow. They shall be faithful to their lawfully-wedded spouses.

Reflection

In our opinion, what are the qualities of the ideal police officer? Why do we need to possess those qualities?

Inspiration from the Holy Bible

So a leader must be a man whose life is above reproach. He must be faithful to his wife. He must exercise self-control, live wisely, and have a good reputation. He must not be a heavy drinker or be violent. He must be gentle, not quarrelsome, and not love money. He must manage his own family well, having children who respect and obey him. (1 Timothy 3:2-4)

Inspiration from the Holy Qur'an

Say: "The things that my Lord hath indeed of forbidden are: shameful deeds, whether open or secret, sins and trespasses against truth or reason, assigning of partners to Allah, for which He hath given no authority; and saying things about Allah of which you have no knowledge." (Surah Al-A'raf 7:33)

Hadith

Jabir ibn Abdullah reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Verily, Allah has sent me with the perfection of noble morals and completion of good deeds." (Al-Mu'jam al-Awsat)

What can we do to uphold high standards of morality and decency?

- a. Guard our reputation. As PNP personnel, we must be conscious of having the moral ascendancy to enforce the law. The public is more likely to respect us when they see and believe that we are morally upright.
Choose a good reputation over great riches; being held in high esteem is better than silver or gold. (Proverbs 22:1)
- b. Set a good example for others to follow.

Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. (Ephesians 5:3-4)

- c. Be faithful to our spouse and family.

Drink water from your own well share your love only with your wife. Why spill the water of your springs in the streets, having sex with just anyone? You should reserve it for yourselves. Never share it with strangers. (Proverbs 5:15)

A home is built by wisdom and becomes strong through good sense. Through knowledge its rooms are filled with all sorts of precious riches and valuables. (Proverbs 24:3-4)

Challenge

What is our most significant learning today? How will we apply it to our own life?

Prayer

Praise God for His goodness and grace in our life. Ask forgiveness for our sins. Thank Him for the blessings we have received.

If we have any prayer requests, let us pray for one another.

We end the meeting with this declaration of faith: Lord make us an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred let us sow love. Where there is injury let us seek pardon. Where there is doubt let us show faith. Where there is despair let us spread hope. Where there is darkness let us shine light. And where there is sadness let us share joy.