

## **16 Humility**

PNP members shall recognize the fact that they are public servants and not the masters of the people and towards this end, they should perform their duties without attracting attention or expecting the applause of others.

### **Reflection**

What motivated us to join the PNP? What reward or recognition do we expect for doing our job?

### **Inspiration from the Holy Bible**

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience... (Colossians 3:12)

Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly, do not be wise in your own estimation. (Romans 12:16)

### **Inspiration from the Holy Qur'an**

"The servants of the Most Merciful are those who walk upon the earth In humility, and when the ignorant address them, they say words of peace." (Surah Al-Furqan 25:63)

"Call upon your Lord with humility and in private. Verily, He does not love transgressors." (Surah Al-A'raf 7:55)

"O my son, establish prayer, enjoin what is right, forbid what is wrong, and be patient over what befalls you. Indeed, [all] that is of the matters (requiring) determination. And do not turn your cheek [in contempt] toward people and do not walk through the earth exultantly. Indeed, Allah does not like everyone self-deluded and boastful. And be moderate in your pace and lower your voice; indeed, the most disagreeable of sounds is the voice of donkeys." (Surah Luqman 31:17-19)

### **Hadith**

Harithat Ibn Wahb reported: The Prophet (PBUH), said: "Shall I not tell you about the companions of Paradise? They are every humble person considered weak, but if they gave an oath by Allah it would be fulfilled. Shall I not tell you about the companions of Hellfire? They are every harsh, haughty, and arrogant person." (Sahih Bukhari)

"Iyad Ibn Himar reported, the Messenger of Allah, (PBUH), said: "Verily, Allah has revealed to me that you must be humble towards one another, so that no one wrongs another or boasts to another." (Sahih Muslim)

How do we show humility as public servants?

- a) We are public servants, so we are expected to serve the people with humility. The Filipino taxpayers pay for our salary; they are our bosses.

And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor. (James 4:6,10)

- b) Do not seek personal glory. We must be motivated by a heart to serve and aim to do a good deed as often as we can, without expecting anything in return.

Let someone else praise you, not your own mouth a stranger, not your own lips. (Proverbs 27:2)

But as for you, be strong and courageous, for your work will be rewarded. (2 Chronicles 15:7)

- c) Serve with joy and gladness. Be grateful that we have a job. The Lord has entrusted us with a noble calling as law enforcers, and we must live up to His expectations.

Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. (Romans 12:11)

## **Challenge**

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

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: You bless the righteous, Lord and surround us with Your favor as a shield. Because Your hand is upon us, we increase in wisdom and in favor wherever we go and in whatever we do. Every good thing and every perfect gift comes from You, Lord. Surely Your goodness and loving kindness will follow us all the days of our life, and we will dwell in Your house forever.