



Resist the Enemy:

- Even if they put you in chains, do not bend the knee to them.

1 Samuel 22:1-2 NASB1995

[1] So David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam; and when his brothers and all his father's household heard of it, they went down there to him. [2] Everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him; and he became captain over them. Now there were about four hundred men with him.

<https://bible.com/bible/100/1sa.22.1-2.NASB1995>

1 Corinthians 1:25-28, 30-31 NASB1995

[25] Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

[26] For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; [27] but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, [28] and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are,

[30] But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, [31] so that, just as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord."

<https://bible.com/bible/100/1co.1.25-31.NASB1995>

Mark 7:5-9 NASB1995

[5] The Pharisees and the scribes *asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with impure hands?" [6] And He said to them, "Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far away from Me. [7] But in vain do they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.' [8] Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men." [9] He was also saying to them, "You are experts at setting aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition.

<https://bible.com/bible/100/mrk.7.5-9.NASB1995>



CODE OF CONDUCT

I

I am an American, fighting in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.

II

I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command I will never surrender the members of my command while they still have the means to resist.

III

If I am captured I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.

IV

If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information or take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.

V

When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am required to give name, rank, service number, and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.

VI

I will never forget that I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America.

Article III of the U.S. Military Code of Conduct mandates that if captured, service members must continue to resist by all available means, make every effort to escape, and refuse parole or special favors from the enemy. This article focuses on maintaining duty and fighting spirit even while in captivity. [1, 2]

Article III: Continued Resistance and Escape:

Prisoners of war (POWs) are obligated to resist enemy questioning and exploitation to the best of their ability.

Escape Efforts: POWs must actively seek opportunities to escape and aid fellow prisoners in escaping.

Refusal of Parole/Favors: Prisoners shall not accept special favors or enter into agreements (parole) with the enemy that limit their ability to resist or escape. [1, 2]

Contextual Application

Maximum Effort: The duty to escape is continuous, with the highest chance for success often occurring immediately after capture.

Enemy Tactics: Captors may use both threats and promises (special favors) to encourage compliance; Article III prohibits accepting these, except for minimal welfare items deemed necessary, without compromising status. [2]

This article serves as a cornerstone for maintaining morale and discipline, reminding personnel that captivity is a temporary state and not an excuse to cease duty. [1, 2] [1]

<https://marineparents.com/marinecorps/mc-conduct.asp>

Broken but Blessed (song):

<https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=rm6mImrReJY&si=HQANkluQsSB3heuv>