

## ROYALTY ACTS LIKE ROYALTY

All Christians are royalty. You need to act that way. You are sons and daughters of the great King. Christ says that He has made us kings. Every Sunday we attend the “court of the Lord.”

Courtesy relates to court and comes from a twelfth century French word, *courteis*, meaning the manners and behavior of those who attended the court of the king. So *courtesy*, *courtly*, *courteous*, and *court* all relate to conducting oneself in the presence of a king, to the conduct of royalty.

The Bible is our handbook of conduct. We are the nobility of this world. How does nobility act? What kind of character do they have? There is a long list of adjectives we can use: kind, polite, longsuffering, patient with others, compassionate, gracious, selfless, thoughtful, and considerate.

But those adjectives are abstract. We need to give them bones, fingers, and face. We need to know what kindness is, and then how to be kind to your sister when she empties your shampoo.

The “why” is important, but we need the “how to” as well. To fly a plane you not only need to know a bit about aeronautics, but you really should get in the cockpit, take the control stick, practice takeoffs and landings, fly in a crosswind, and navigate at night.

Courtesy is more than saying “Please” and “Thank you”. It’s an attitude toward others that understands what to say and do in every situation. Those words and actions identify one as royalty.