

BOY SCOUT LITURGY _ The Scout Law and Holy Scriptures

Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, once said, "There is no religious side to the movement; the whole of it is based on religion, that is on the realization and service of God." In keeping with that spirit, let's consider how the Scout Law aligns with Scripture.

First Reader: A Scout is trustworthy.

Second Reader: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor – Exodus 20:16.

First Reader: A Scout is loyal.

Second Reader: Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. – Luke 16:10

First Reader: A Scout is helpful.

Second Reader: There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land. – Deuteronomy 15:11

First Reader: A Scout is friendly.

Second Reader: How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! – Psalm 133:1

First Reader: A Scout is courteous.

Second Reader: Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. – Ephesians 4:29

First Reader: A Scout is kind.

Second Reader: The righteous care for the needs of their animals, but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel. – Proverbs 12:10

First Reader: A Scout is obedient.

Second Reader: Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" – which is the first commandment with a promise – "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." – Ephesians 6:1-3

First Reader: A Scout is cheerful.

Second Reader: A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit. – Proverbs 15:13

First Reader: A Scout is thrifty.

Second Reader: Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. – Proverbs 6:6-8

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First Reader: A Scout is brave.

Second Reader: Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. – Deuteronomy 31:6

First Reader: A Scout is clean.

Second Reader: Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. – Psalm 24:3-4

First Reader: A Scout is reverent.

Second

Reader: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. – Mark 12:30