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Scout Law

I'm an Eagle Scout. Notice that I did not say I *was* an Eagle Scout. Once an Eagle Scout, always an Eagle Scout. I learned a lot from scouting, including how to work toward and accomplish a goal. I use that experience today as I build my business. I also learned how to carry myself as a person. I use that experience today as a husband, father, son, grandson, and friend. All Boy Scouts are required to memorize and apply the principles of Scout Law. Recently it occurred to me that if you could implement Scout Law within a marriage relationship, then you might have the foundation for a healthy and rewarding marriage. Below are the 12 principles of Scout Law taken from www.scouting.org. I have modified the Scout Law to replace the word "Scout" with the word "Spouse" and added "or she" and "or her" to makes things gender neutral.

TRUSTWORTHY: A Spouse tells the truth. He (or she) keeps his (or her) promises. Honesty is part of his (or her) code of conduct. People can depend on him (or her). **LOYAL:** A Spouse is true to his (or her) family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation. **HELPFUL:** A Spouse is concerned about other people. He (or she) does things willingly for others without pay or reward. **FRIENDLY:** A Spouse is a friend to all. He (or she) is a brother (or sister) to other Scouts (or other people). He (or she) seeks to understand others. He (or she) respects those with ideas and customs other than his (or her) own. **COURTEOUS:** A Spouse is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He (or she) knows good manners make it easier for people to get along together. **KIND:** A Spouse understands there is strength in being gentle. He (or she) treats others as he (or she) wants to be treated. He (or she) does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason. **OBEDIENT:** A Spouse follows the rules of his (or her) family, school, and troop. He (or she) obeys the laws of his (or her) community and country. If he (or she) thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he (or she) tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them. **CHEERFUL:** A Spouse looks for the bright side of things. He (or she) cheerfully does tasks that come his (or her) way. He (or she) tries to make others happy. **THRIFTY:** A Spouse works to pay his (or her) way and to help others. He (or she) saves for unforeseen needs. He (or she) protects and conserves natural resources. He (or she) carefully uses time and property. **BRAVE:** A Spouse can face danger even if he (or she) is afraid. He (or she) has the courage to stand for what he (or she) thinks is right even if others laugh at or threaten him (or her). **CLEAN:** A Spouse keeps his (or her) body and mind fit and clean. He (or she) goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He (or she) helps keep his (or her) home and community clean. **REVERENT:** A Spouse is reverent toward God. He (or she) is faithful in his (or her) religious duties. He (or she) respects the beliefs of others.

I think my favorite line from above is "A Spouse understands that there is strength in being gentle." Wow! That is so true. This newsletter is dedicated to my former Scout Master, Mr. Robert "Bob" Reece formerly of Troop 125, Holly Springs, Georgia. Bob, thanks for your dedication, guidance and leadership.

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