

Code of Ethics

«Without Jesus Christ, we build nothing.»

«United under the name of Jesus Christ.»

-DeBros Core Team

1. Our Calling

We, the Core Team of DeBros, are bound by a holy covenant before God: to live and govern according to the 72 Instruments of Good Works from Chapter 4 of the Rule of St. Benedict (c. 530 AD) and the living example of the Early Church in Acts 2:43–47. Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the only-begotten Son of the true God, is our cornerstone. Every day we witness His miracles. He is our true Counselor, our First Brother, our Eternal Partner. From His love and humility springs every work we do.

2. Our Promise to You

This covenant is **one-way**. We promise to treat you with honor, truth, and Christian love –whether you are one of the 100, a collaborator, or a passer-by. No matter how you treat us. No one is obliged to follow the Rule or the spirit of Acts. Yet we testify: whoever walks this path finds a life more joyful, more meaningful, more deeply rooted in Christ.

3. The Two Pillars of Our Life

Pillar I – The 72 Instruments of Good Works

(Rule of St. Benedict, Chapter 4)

The Great Commandments

1. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength.
2. Love your neighbor as yourself.

Absolute Principles

3–7. You shall not murder · You shall not commit adultery · You shall not steal · You shall not covet · You shall not bear false witness.

The Way of Christ

8–21. Honor all people · Do not do to another what you do not want done to you · Deny yourself to follow Christ · Be a stranger to the ways of the world · Prefer nothing to the love of Christ.

14–19. Relieve the poor · Clothe the naked · Visit the sick · Bury the dead · Help in time of trouble · Console the sorrowful.



Mastery of the Heart

22–33. Do not give way to anger · Do not harbor grudges · Do not entertain deceit · Do not offer false peace · Never abandon charity · Do not swear · Speak only truth · Do not return evil for evil · Love your enemies · Bless and do not curse · Endure persecution for justice's sake.

Humility & Temperance

34–40. Be not proud · Do not get drunk · Do not overeat · Do not be slothful · Do not grumble · Do not slander.

Eternal Perspective

41–50. Put your hope in God · Give Him credit for every good · Own your evil · Fear the Day of Judgment · Dread hell · Long for eternal life with all your being · Keep death daily before your eyes · Guard every action · Know that God sees you everywhere · Dash evil thoughts against Christ.

Discipline of Speech & Spirit

51–59. Confess evil thoughts to a spiritual father · Guard your tongue · Do not love much talking · Avoid foolish or laughter-provoking words · Listen eagerly to holy reading · Pray often · Confess your sins daily with tears · Hate your own will.

Obedience & Peace

60–72. Obey even when superiors fail · Do not wish to be called holy before you are · Fulfill the commandments in deeds · Love chastity · Hate no one · Do not be jealous · Do not love strife · Shun arrogance · Respect elders · Love the young · Pray for your enemies · Make peace before sunset · **Never despair of God's mercy.**

Pillar II – The Spirit of the Early Church

(Acts 2:43–47)

Greek (Nestle-Aland 28 / UBS5 – earliest manuscripts)

Ἐγένετο δὲ πάση ψυχῇ φόβος, πολλά τε τέρατα καὶ σημεῖα διὰ τῶν ἀποστόλων ἐγίνετο. πάντες δὲ οἱ πιστεύοντες ἦσαν ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτὸ καὶ εἶχον ἅπαντα κοινά, καὶ τὰ κτήματα καὶ τὰς ὑπάρξεις ἐπίπρασκον καὶ διεμέριζον αὐτὰ πᾶσι καθότι ἂν τις χρεῖαν εἶχε· καθ' ἡμέραν τε προσκαρτεροῦντες ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ, κλῶντές τε κατ' οἶκον ἄρτον, μετελάμβανον τροφῆς ἐν ἀγαλλιάσει καὶ ἀφελότητι καρδίας, αἰνοῦντες τὸν Θεὸν καὶ ἔχοντες χάριν πρὸς ὅλον τὸν λαόν. ὁ δὲ Κύριος προσετίθει τοὺς σφωζομένους καθ' ἡμέραν τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ.

English (literal & reverent)

And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they sold their possessions and goods and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.



We live this vision **today**:

- **Signs and wonders** by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- **Absolute unity** – one heart, one soul, one mission.
- **All things in common** – time, strength, love, burdens, joys.
- **Open hands** – no one among us lacks what is necessary.
- **Gladness and humility of heart** – the mark of true brotherhood.
- **Growth by the Lord's hand** – we plant, He waters.

4. How We Live the Code

Every decision is measured against these two pillars. Every new brother is welcomed exactly as Jesus Christ welcomed us: without condition, without judgment, with open arms.

This is the house we build.

Upon the Rock that never shakes.

Soli Deo Gloria.

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