



The Promissory Note Project Rules of Engagement

(Based upon Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Pledge of Nonviolence)

“But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. “

Martin Luther King, Jr., August 28, 1963, Washington D.C.

1. As you prepare to participate, meditate on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ
2. Remember this movement seeks justice and reconciliation – not victory.
3. Walk and talk in the manner of love; for God is love and HE is at the helm.
4. Pray daily to be used by God that *all* men and women might be free. Seek His will and ask “What wouldst Thou have me do?”
5. Sacrifice personal wishes that all might be free.
6. Observe, with friend and foe, the ordinary rules of order and courtesy.
7. Perform regular acts of service for others and the world.
8. Refrain from violence of fist, tongue and heart.
9. Strive to be in good spiritual and bodily health.
10. Remain humble, teachable and courageous.
11. Respectfully observe the law and follow the directions of appointed leaders.
12. Depart and return with honor.