

## Introduction:

Earlier lessons we defined honor and respect as to value, regard with respect, highly respect and esteem. We talked about the people, roles, and things we are to value. Honor and respect involves our attitude (within) and action (without). Each affects the other. When we have inward respect and show it, it adds to the inward respect. Example: Pledge Allegiance to the Flag. The problem is not that we don't honor and respect people, roles, and things but we honor and respect the wrong things. Now we want to talk about how we develop honor and respect within. Cultivating the attitude and action of honor and respect.

**I) In Ourselves - - If we don't have honor and respect in ourselves we cannot show it to others.**

**A) We must understand honor and respect. Their meaning and significance.**

**B) We must repent and resolve to feel (cultivate) honor and respect, *Malachi 2.2*.**

1. It will not happen by accident.
2. Young people must be taught what to honor and respect. Things like consistency, worship, people, hard work, etc.

**C) We must become more appreciative, *Hebrews 12.28-29 (RSV)***

1. Appreciation is to respect and honor what oxygen is to fire.

2. How do we become more appreciative?  
*Philippians 4.8*. Think and don't take for granted.
  - a. Study and meditate, *Ps. 119.36-38*
  - b. Count your many blessings -- parents, electricity, air conditioning, etc.
  - c. Visit the less fortunate -- go to a hospital.
3. We must especially guard against taking things for granted, *Mark 6.4*

**D) We must die to self**

1. *Luke 14.7-11* selfishness gets in the way of honoring and valuing others. The world does not exist to please you and me. God does not exist to please us.
2. *Isaiah 58.13* what dictates where you will be tonight? The more you value your time in worship, fellowship with brethren, the more likely you will be here.

**E) We must humble ourselves**

1. The Bible tells us to operate by faith; give up what we think for what God says. Make sacrifices, do things that may run contrary to what we think or feel.
2. *Hebrews 11.7* Noah operated by faith despite what he thought.
3. *Proverbs 11.2* must humble ourselves before God and He will raise us up.

**F) We must pray**

**G) We must give honor and respect even when we don't feel like honoring and respecting others, *1 Peter 2.18***

1. Husbands may not feel like honoring their wives; wives may not feel like honoring their husbands.
2. Goes back to earlier point: when you give honor and respect it changes your attitude toward that person.

**II) How Do We Help Other People Honor & Respect What Needs To Be Honored and Respected?**

**A) We must be respectable.**

1. Elders are to act so people will honor and respect the office because of them and not despite them, *1 Timothy 3.2,4.*
2. David acted with wisdom which lead others to respect him, *1 Samuel 18.30.*
3. Teenagers often want to be treated with honor and respect but they don't treat others with honor and respect.

**B) We must allow people to give or show us honor and respect.**

1. Don't discourage it! Examples: Don't call me Mr. or "Oh, it wasn't anything."
2. Graciously accept words of respect and praise.

**C) We must appropriately demand respect, *Titus 2.15*.**

1. Preachers are to be respected because of the message they preach, the word of God.
2. Parents are to be respected because of their God given authority.
3. We must have the proper motive, *Matthew 6.2-4*. Not for self glorification but God's glorification.
4. We must give what we demand from others, *2 Timothy 2.24-26*.

**Conclusion:**

The last lesson we will deal with how we are to show honor and respect.