

SCRIPTURE READING: Malachi 2:2.

INTRODUCTION:

1. Last week we began a series of lessons on honor & respect.
2. We honor & respect beings, roles, and things we highly esteem, admire, or value.
3. We must feel honor & respect within **and** show them without. We can feel without showing, and we can show without feeling. We must do both. Each aids the other. The more we feel the more we'll show. The more we show the more we'll feel.
4. The problem isn't so much that we lack honor & respect. Rather, it's that we honor & respect the wrongs things. Last Sunday we discussed what God doesn't and does want us to honor & respect.
5. This morning we want to talk about how we develop honor & respect within. Tonight we'll talk about how we show honor & respect without.

HOW DO WE DEVELOP FEELINGS OF HONOR & RESPECT?

1. **IN OURSELVES?**

- A. **We must understand honor & respect.** Their meaning & their significance.
- B. **We must repent, i.e. resolve to do feel honor & respect.** Malachi 2:2. It won't happen by accident!
- C. **We must become more appreciative.** Hebrews 12:28-29; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13A.

- 1) Appreciation is to respect & honor what oxygen is to fire. You can't have the latter without the former. The more you have the latter, the more you can have of the former.
- 2) How do we become more appreciative? Philippians 4:8.
 - a. Study and meditate. Psalms 119:36-38.
 - b. Count our blessings.
 - c. Visit the less fortunate.
 - d. Do without.
 - e. Etc.



- 3) We must especially guard against taking what's familiar for granted. Mark 6:4; 1 Timothy 6:1-2.

D. **We must die to self.**

- 1) Luke 14:7-11.
- 2) Isaiah 58:13; Acts 20:24.

E. **We must humble ourselves.**

- 1) Hebrews 11:7; Colossians 3:22-25.
- 2) Proverbs 11:2; 15:33; 18:10-12.

F. **We must pray.** Psalms 119:117; Hebrews 13:18.

G. **We must give honor & respect even when don't feel honor & respect.** 1 Peter 2:18.

2. **IN OTHER PEOPLE?**

A. **We must be respectable.** 1 Timothy 3:2, 4; 1 Samuel 18:30; Acts 23:1-5.

B. **We must allow people to give or show us honor & respect.** We discourage feelings of honor & respect in other people when we don't allow them to show us honor & respect. Examples: "Don't call me Mr." "Oh, it wasn't anything." We must graciously accept marks of honor & respect.

C. **We must appropriately demand respect.** Titus 2:15.

- 1) We must have the proper motive. Matthew 6:2-4.
- 2) We must have the proper approach. We must give what we demand to receive. 2 Timothy 2:24-26.