

## *Building Great Relationships*

# **Giving Honor to Other People**

### **I. Introduction**

- A. I Corinthians 13:5a (NAS)
  - 1. "Unbecomingly" - - "unseemly, rude"
  - 2. "Rudeness" - - "a lack of respect for others"
  - 3. I Peter 2:17a (NAS)

### **II. Why Treat Everyone With Honor?**

- A. Because God created everyone.
  - 1. Psalm 8:4-5 (NAS)
  - 2. People are the crown of God's creation!
- B. Because Jesus died for everyone!
  - 1. I Peter 1:18-19 (NAS)
  - 2. Proverbs 15:3 (NAS)
  - 3. Proverbs 5:21 (NAS)
  - 4. "A great man shows his greatness by the way he treats little men." (Thomas Carlyle, 1795-1881)
  - 5. Matthew 25:34-40 (NAS)
- C. Because it shows that I know God.
  - 1. I John 4:8 (NAS)
  - 2. Jesus honored the most disrespectful people in society.
  - 3. Matthew 9:10 (NAS)
- D. Because I'll reap what I sow.
  - 1. Galatians 6:7-9 (NAS)

### **III. How to Honor People**

- A. When you speak to people, be tactful, not just truthful.
  - 1. Proverbs 15:1 (NAS)
  - 2. "Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment." (Benjamin Franklin)

3. Tactfulness is thinking before you speak!
4. Definitions of "Tact"
  - a. Tact is not saying everything you think!
  - b. Tact is treating everybody like they know what they're talking about.
  - c. Tact is the art of telling somebody he's open-minded when he just has a hole in his head.
5. Proverbs 15:4a (NAS)
- B. When you are served by people, be understanding, not just demanding.
  1. Matthew 7:12a (NAS)
  2. Proverbs 16:21b (NAS)
    - a. Politeness changes people, not rudeness.
- C. When you disagree with people, be gentle, not just judgmental.
  1. Romans 14:12-13 (NAS)
  2. Two things to remember when you disagree with someone:
    - a. Everyone will give an account to God for their lifestyle one day.
    - b. You're not God!
  3. We can disagree without being disagreeable!
  4. James 3:16-17 (NAS)
  5. When you must shoot an arrow of truth, dip it in honey.
- D. When you share your faith with people, respect them, don't reject them.
  1. Colossians 4:5-6 (NAS)
  2. "Evangelism is just one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread." (Billy Graham)
- E. When people are rude to you, respond politely.
  1. Romans 12:17, 21 (NAS)

#### IV. Conclusion