

RESPECT

What do you first think about when you hear the word "respect"? It takes on many applications in life, but what do we really mean by it? Answer the following:

What is respect?

Who do you respect?

Why? or rather

What is it about them that you respect?

In answering those questions, let's expand the definition biblically. The actual Greek word for "respect" is translated "reverence". Reverence means "to show deference to, to hold in high regard, to esteem, to consider highly". Another Greek word which expands the same concept is translated "fear". The "fear of the Lord" is a reverential attitude shown towards God. Look up the following verses and write some observations:

Mark 6:20

\*Col. 3:22

I Pet. 2:17

I Thess. 5:12-13

\*Eph. 6:1-3

\*I Tim. 2:1-2

Rom. 13:1-7

\*Eph. 5:22-25

Ex. 22:28

Matt. 14:33

I Chron. 16:25

I Tim. 5:3

\*Eph. 5:33

Mark 12:6

Heb. 12:9

Ex. 20:8

Phil. 2:3

\*I Cor. 11:6

Rom. 12:10

Lev. 19:3, 32

Matt. 8:2

Lev. 19:30

Isa. 17:7-8

\*Heb. 13:7, 17

From the above verses, answer the following:

\*What do these verses say about where you fit into a "chain of command" or "authority structure" according to Scripture?

Who are we commanded to respect, honor or revere?

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In what ways have you neglected to do that?

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What can you do so that others know that you respect them?

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How are you to use the property of others?

In what ways have you failed?

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How can you improve in this area?

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How are you to speak to others?

In what ways have you failed?

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How can you improve?

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How are you to respond when told to do something?

In what ways have you failed?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

In what ways can you improve?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

How do you regard the elderly? Your parents? Your spouse? Your boss? The Government?

Is all authority God appointed and ordained?

Prov.21:1

Jn.19:11

Ps.103:19

Rom.13:1-7

Dan.4:17

I Pet.2:13-17

We are commanded to respect those in authority and leadership positions even more so than others (I Thess. 5:12-13). Note in the following what took place when there was disrespect to God's appointed authority.

Acts 23:1-5

Num.12:1-16

2 Kings 2:23-25

We must respect all men as well as authorities, even if we don't particularly "like" the person. We must respect that person because of their position knowing that it is the sovereign control of God that has put us under such a one. Note from the first list of verses that we're commanded to pray for those over us as well as submit, honor and respect.

How can I show respect to those authorities over me?

How can I show respect to those I live and work with?

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Just for your personal application:

1. Do people respect you?
2. What makes people respect you? or hold others in high regard?
3. Are you "worthy" of their respect? Why?
4. What are you doing to "earn" respect?
5. What hinders people from respecting you?
6. How can you change those things?
7. How can you develop the qualities in your own life that you respect in others?