



We Value: Respect for everyone

1. We value productive relationships that lead to discipleship
2. We value obedience to the Word of God
3. We value devotion to prayer
4. We value commitment to the mission of the Church
5. We value godly families
6. We value the Lordship of Jesus
7. We value the empowerment of the Holy Spirit

1 Peter 2:17 (ESV) *Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.*

Romans 12:10 (ESV) *Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.*

Romans 13:7 (ESV) *Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.*

1. Respecting everyone is God's command for His children. It is not natural; it is supernatural.
2. Five areas where we should show respect are:
 - a. Those who have sacrificed for our benefit
 - b. Those who are unable to defend themselves
 - c. Those who have been disrespected because of an outward difference
 - d. Those who have served well in spiritual leadership 1 Thess. 5:12, 13; Phil 2:25-30
 - e. Those who are in civil authority 1 Peter 2:13
3. Honor, respect, and dignity will bring healing to those who suffer from oppression.

1. The reality of disrespect in the human race

1. There has been hatred based on race since the days of Abraham.
2. There have been wars, slavery, and persecution based on external differences since the days of Genesis.

2. The reason for disrespect in the human race

1. Selfishness is the root of all sin.
2. Insecurity is the motivation of disrespect.
3. Arrogance is the manifestation of disrespect.

3. The remedy of disrespect in the human race

1. **Humility** is the antidote for all forms of disrespectful behavior.
2. **Compassion** was the motivating factor in the life of Christ.
3. The New Testament strongly extols the virtues of **love, kindness, patience, gentleness,** and **encouragement** among all Christians.

Ephesians 4:31-32 (ESV) ³¹ *Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.* ³² *Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

What are the keys to being a good Christian?

1. Love God-----Worship
2. Respect people-----Compassion
3. Discover your purpose-----The mission of the Church
4. Develop your strategy-----Discovery your place of ministry in the body of Christ
Daily, weekly, monthly, annually, bucket list
5. Adjust your sails to the wind of the Spirit-----Be empowered and guided by the Spirit

Colossians 3:11 (ESV) *Here (in Christ) there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.*

Galatians 3:28 (ESV) *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*