



To

HONOR



## LESSON 1

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Honoring relates first to those people who are in authority over you—namely your boss.

**T**he idea is to make them look good, to build them up. It means treating them with respect. The first and most powerful way to honor authority figures in your life is to not only do what you're told, but do it without grumbling or complaining. (Let's face it: we don't like it when other people whine.) It means doing your best for them even when they're not around or even when, in your opinion, they may not deserve it.

We also should honor our fellow human beings: our friends and neighbors. We do this by considering their needs above our own, by treating them the way we like to be treated. This takes a little extra effort on our part. We must be alert to others' situations and needs—for example, doing an extra job for someone who cannot repay, or maybe sending someone a note of encouragement. It's little things that can make a big difference in someone's day or even in his or her life.

Honoring others will make you a person of honor.

### Quick thought

Think about it. If you begin to honor those around you, what boss wouldn't want to see you prosper? What boss wouldn't promote you ... giving you more responsibilities and even privileges? Who wouldn't want to be your friend when your desire is to see them prosper first? This is a powerful concept that will change your life if you choose to practice it. I guarantee it!

But this is not a short-term goal. If you begin to honor others even more, it may take a while, but ultimately you will prosper even more because of it. In some cases you may receive instant positive reactions to your actions, but in many cases you won't, and that's OK. This is a lifestyle. It's day-in and day-out. Be content with a job well-done. We treat others with honor because it's the right thing to do, not because of the response we get from them or not for what it will do for us. However, if you begin living this way, don't be surprised if people start going out of their way to honor you. And more importantly, you will make a positive impact wherever you go.

Why? Because very few people live this way. You can. It's a choice.

## Journal entry

What are some things you can start doing now that will help you improve the way you honor those in your life? Also, looking ahead, can you already guess (if you begin to live this way) how it will change your life and the lives of those around you?

## Discussion questions

Discuss the journal topic. Borrow ideas from each other.

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## Life applications

Begin to practice these ideas of honoring at a deeper level. Notice how people respond differently to you, and remember, the real change will be long-term.



## LESSON 2

### Journal entry

How did people respond to the honoring? Again, if you make this a daily pattern, can you see how others will benefit and, ultimately, so will you?

### Discussion questions

Discuss the journal topic. Also, discuss how things will begin to change in your life, family, home, job and even community by beginning to put this into practice every day.

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### Quick thought

If you want further evidence as to whether this idea of honoring others will change your life and the lives around you, think of this: Wouldn't you enjoy having people around you who are more concerned about your needs than they are about their own? Of course you would, and there is your answer.

People are going to want you around as well—simply because your desire is to honor them instead of rip them off. We've all had enough of the rip off.

If you're laboring to help others prosper, of course, they're going to want to see you prosper. Let it become a way of life for you—a daily habit. At first you will have to work at being alert and focusing on honoring others. Eventually, though, it will come from your heart. It will be as natural as breathing. Talk about a bright future—this will do it!