

You will earn the trust and respect of others if you work for good.

Proverbs 14:22a GNT

5 Ways to Earn the Respect of Others . . .

1. Empathize with the feelings of others.

When I heard their outcry and these charges, I was very angry.

Nehemiah 5:6 NIV

Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger.

Ephesians 4:26 NASB

2. Pause and think before I speak up.

Nehemiah: "After thinking it over . . ."

Nehemiah 5:7 GW

"I pondered them in my mind . . ."

Nehemiah 5:7a NIV

"After some deliberation . . ."

Nehemiah 5:7a NAB

3. Try to resolve conflicts privately first.

So after thinking about it I spoke out against these rich government officials. "What is this you are doing?" I demanded. "How dare you demand a mortgage as a condition for helping another Israelite!" Then I called a public trial to deal with them.

Nehemiah 5:7 TLB

"If your brother sins against you, go to him and show him his fault. But do it privately, just between yourselves. If he listens to you, you have won your brother back. But if he will not listen to you, take one or two other persons with you. . ."

Matthew 18:15-17a GNT

4. Appeal to the best in people.

I continued, "What you have done is wrong! We must honor our God by the way we live, so the Gentiles can't find fault with us."

Nehemiah 5:9 CEV

If your goals are good, you will be respected, but if you are looking for trouble, that is what you will get.

Proverbs 11:27 GNT

5. Do everything with humility and generosity.

If you are humble, you will be respected.

Proverbs 29:23b GNT

He gives generously to the needy, and his kindness never fails; he will be powerful and respected.

Psalms 112:9 GNT

Weekend Music:

We Praise You (Bethel Music) • Graves Into Gardens (Elevation Worship)
This is Jesus (Jeremy Riddle)