

Sermon Notes

Respect: Establishing a Person's Worth

Romans 13:7 (NIV) Give everyone what you owe him ... if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

The Ladder of Respect

1) Respect Up the Ladder

1 Thessalonians 5:12 (NIV)

1 Peter 2:17b (ESV)

Ephesians 6:1 – 3 (NIV)

1 Tim 5:17 (NIV)

2) Respect Across & Down the Ladder

1 Peter 2:17a (ESV)

1 Tim 5:1-3 (ESV)

3) The Broken Ladder

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (ESV)

Those who give honor, have honor.

Those who withhold it never had it in the first place –despite their position!

How can you win hearts and pull others up the ladder?

- 1. Determine that every person you meet has something in their life that merits your admiration.**
- 2. Discover and acknowledge those qualities in people that are worthy of respect.**
- 3. Reject the notion that you are the “expert.”**
- 4. Jettison the impulse to defend your place on the ladder by withholding honor & respect from those you perceive as “equal to” or “beneath” you.**