

HOW TO BUILD A GODLY LIFE
A godly life requires the character trait of RESPECT

Prov. 22:4, “True humility and respect for the Lord lead a man to riches, honor, and long life.” (TLB)

I. WHAT IS RESPECT?

Respect is a feeling of high regard, honor or esteem for a person, position, or thing.

A. The words used in the Bible that mean respect are honor, fear of, and esteem.

Phil. 2:3-4, “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” (NKJV)

II. THERE ARE AT LEAST NINE THINGS OR PEOPLE WE SHOULD RESPECT.

A. God Why?

1. God is our creator.

2. God is our judge.

B. The Bible

2 Tim. 3:16-17, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (NKJV)

1. We should have enough respect for God's Word for it to be our guide for living over all other books or things.

2. We should have enough respect for God=s Word that we read it daily.

Matt. 4:4, “But He answered and said, ‘It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’” (NKJV)

3. We should have enough respect for God=s Word that we share it with others.

C. We should respect God’s mission. Matt. 28:18

D. We should respect God's Church.

1. How do we respect His Church?

a. By faithfully attending it. Heb. 10:25

b. By giving our tithes and offerings to it.

Mal. 3:8-11. “Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,’ says the Lord of hosts, ‘If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,’ Says the Lord of hosts;” (NKJV)

c. By working in His Church. Col. 1:18

E. We should respect government. Rom. 13:1

F. We should respect our parents. Eph. 6:1

G. We should respect our marriage partner. Eph. 5:21

H. We should respect God=s ministers.

Heb. 13:17, “Obey your spiritual leaders and be willing to do what they say. For their work is to watch over your souls, and God will judge them on how well they do this. Give them reason to report joyfully about you to the Lord and not with sorrow, for then you will suffer for it too.” (TLB)

I. We should respect other believers. Matt 22:37

Are there some areas you need to work on to add respect into your lifestyle?