

## The Meaning of Respect

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Titus 3:1

The environment of respect is amidst powers and rulers.

- Question: What does this environment do to the CONCEPT of respect?
  - ▶ Respect becomes something you grasp for, protect at all cost and use for selfish ends.

## The Spirit/Posture of Respect

The spirit/posture of respect is humility.

- Notice Jesus didn't do this because his boys were so stellar, He did because of who He was. He was King of the universe and that is how Kings behave — with honor.

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Titus 3:2-7

## The Cause for Honor/Respect.

Lets move from respect lingo to honor lingo. It seems that the cause for honor is the being of the subject not the object.

- Question of the subject: Who should I give honor to?  
Answer: Everyone
- What would Journey look like if honor went systemic?

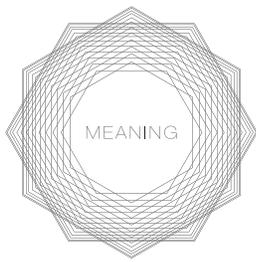
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If we are going to be a culture of honor, then our second step is to humble ourselves.

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- This is the Question of the object: How do I get respect?  
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