

ESTEEMING OTHERS

Esteem - to respect, admire, appreciate, honor, recognize, and revere more.

Philippians 2:3 Notice Paul's inspired command to the church. This verse has to do with abasing and humbling oneself in preference to others. It means putting the interests, the cares and comforts of others above our own. It means neglecting ourselves in sacrifice and service to someone else.

Romans 12:10, 16 Paul further writes to the saints in Rome and admonishes them to stay affectionate to each other and prefer the fellowship of the saints. He also is telling them to look for people of lower status than themselves in order to practice humility and kindness toward other people.

John 17:15 It is God's desire that believers in the world are not totally separated from the lost people of the world in order that we might be an example of God's love and mercy to those who need Him.

Matthew 5:16 Esteeming others above ourselves describes the attitude God wants His people to have in order to show God's love toward all people. This attitude can only come by 'dying to self' and allowing the Holy Spirit to live through us.

Romans 12:3 Paul writes again to the saints in Rome and reminds them that the biggest problem we have as believers when it comes to our service and love for God is our pride. Self gets in the way of our spiritual eye sight because the power of the flesh sometimes is stronger than our love for others.

CHRIST OUR EXAMPLE

Philippians 2:5 Notice that just after Paul commanded us to esteem others better than ourselves he says, "let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." Christ did not strive to please Himself but put the needs and feelings of others above His own needs.

Romans 15:1-3 Paul reminds us that it is our duty to help others and put others needs before our own because Christ our example showed us how we can have a positive, spiritual influence on others.

Philippians 2:5-8 Notice the powerful words that describe the humility of Christ : "no reputation," "a servant," "He humbled Himself," "became obedient." All these traits challenge the flesh.

John 13:3-5, 14-15 Here we see Jesus giving us the greatest example of His humility and what His desire is for His people. He said, "for I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done.."

Galatians 5:22-23 God's desire is that we will stop being self centered, selfish and prideful and replace it with an attitude of giving, caring, and esteeming others better than ourselves.

WE CAN ESTEEM OTHERS

James 1:27 When was the last time we helped a single parent family or cleaned a widows house? Do we even know who the fatherless and widows are in this church we attend? Do we need to be asked? A good test of our Christianity is how we respond to the needs of those that are less fortunate than us.

Luke 14:12-14 When did we do something nice for someone less fortunate than ourselves and never expected that we would be given the same kindness in return? It doesn't make us a better person when we expect something in return if we call what we have done a gift or a blessing for someone in need.

I John 3:17-18 When we see or hear of a brother or sister in the Lord in a desperate situation and in need do we pitch in to help or do we hope some one else will see the need and respond before we do?

Proverbs 12:25 Sometime it only takes a kind word, an appropriate hug or a little prayer time with someone that is discouraged about a personal matter, has a spiritual need or they just need a friend.

I Thessalonians 5:18 Be grateful and thankful for even the smallest things. Let others know you are positive and friendly. Send a card or make a call to someone you know would like a card or call. Bring a meal or desert to someone that is home bound. Get your mind off yourself and on others.

