

12 Seeds Growing in Love is a series published by 12 Seeds International, Inc. 1515 E. 66th St., Mpls., MN 55423

Purpose: to help followers of Christ obey His command, recorded in John 13:34: "Love one another."

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Respect from the Victor

Joshua Chamberlain distinguished himself for his heroism in the Union Army during the Civil War. He was later awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.



To recognize his contribution, General Ulysses S. Grant designated Chamberlain to receive the first flag of surrender as the Confederate Army surrendered at Appomattox.

The defeated troops expected to be ridiculed and humiliated. Instead, Chamberlain showed them kindness and respect. The Confederate commanding officer later wrote that Chamberlain was "one of the knightliest soldiers of the Federal Army."

– adapted from a devotional article by Dennis Fisher in *Our Daily Bread*

How much do you know about . . .

RESPECT

Select the best answer:

1. Respect means to have _____ others. a. no feelings for; b. hatred of; c. consideration for; d. avoidance of
2. The Bible mentions the word *worship*, which someone has called "supreme respect," _____ times. a. 2; b. 50; c. 100; d. over 150
3. Respect forms the basis for _____ in a group or society. a. sadness; b. humor; c. gossip; d. civility

Answers on other side.

RESPECT

REGARD, ESTEEM, HONOR

**Honor one another
above yourselves.**

– Romans 12:10

Respect is regard for the existence, ideas and opinions of other people. To respect others is to consider – *think of* – others and treat them with dignity and honor. Respect helps meet our need for *significance*.

Respect others!

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A PRAYER

**Dear Lord, thank You for
for the regard You have for
Your creation, including me.
Please help me to have the
highest respect for You.
Please help me to also
have respect for others.
Help me to treat others
with dignity and honor.
In Your Name, Amen.**

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FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

Consider these verses . . .

- Exodus 20:12
- Proverbs 11:16
- Romans 12:10
- Philippians 2:3
- I Peter 2:17

Consider these questions . . .

Who should we respect? Why?

Do you respect others? How?

Why is respect so vital in building a relationship?

How is respect a way to love others?

What could you do to better respect others?

What *will* you do?

Answers to quiz on side 1:

- 1. c 2. d 3. d

**Always make the other person
feel important.**

– Dale Carnegie