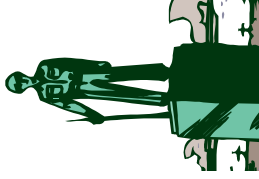


# GROWING IN LOVE

FOR FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

## 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.

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## 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*.

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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.

# GROWING IN LOVE

FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

Consider these verses . . .

Exodus 20:12

Proverbs 11:16

Romans 12:10

Philippians 2:3

1 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

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