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Honor one another above yourselves.

~ Romans 12:10

When Jesus noticed that all who had come to the dinner were trying to sit in the seats of honor near the head of the table, he gave them this advice:

“When you are invited to a wedding feast, don’t sit in the seat of honor. What if someone who is more distinguished than you has also been invited? The host will come and say, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then you will be embarrassed, and you will have to take whatever seat is left at the foot of the table!”

~ *Luke 14:7-9*

“Instead, take the lowest place at the foot of the table. Then when your host sees you, he will come and say, ‘Friend, we have a better place for you!’ Then you will be honored in front of all the other guests. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

~ Luke 14:10-11



3 Simple Things You Can Do That Will Show Honor to the People Around You

I. Stop **CRITICIZING** them.

Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another.

~ 1 Peter 5:5

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- I. Stop **CRITICIZING** them.
- II. Start **PRAISING** them.

I thought I should send Epaphroditus back to you. He is a true brother, co-worker, and fellow soldier. And he was your messenger to help me in my need. I am sending him because he has been longing to see you, and he was very distressed that you heard he was ill. And he certainly was ill; in fact, he almost died. But God had mercy on him – and also on me, so that I would not have one sorrow after another.

~ Philippians 2:25-27

So I am all the more anxious to send him back to you, for I know you will be glad to see him, and then I will not be so worried about you. Welcome him with Christian love and with great joy, and give him the honor that people like him deserve. For he risked his life for the work of Christ, and he was at the point of death while doing for me what you couldn't do from far away.

~ Philippians 2:28-30

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- I. Stop CRITICIZING them.
- II. Start PRAISING them.
- III. Start HELPING them.

Do not withhold good from those who deserve it
when it's in your power to help them.

~ Proverbs 3:27

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