

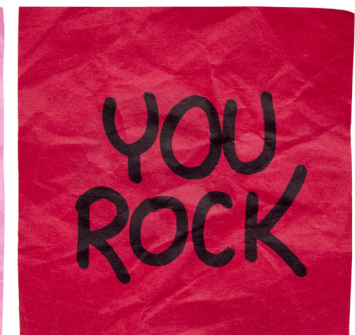
# SERVANT LEADERSHIP

## HONOURING OTHERS

In the typical North American culture, people don't tend to give others praise on a regular basis. If it does happen, it is usually taken with a great assault and followed up with a lot of questions. Perhaps, it is our own inability to take others at their word, or maybe it has to do with our inability to truly accept the words of others. Regardless of the cause, all too many people struggle with both giving and receiving praise.

To honor someone is to give respect to someone who is deeply admired. The way that we go about honoring someone is dependent on our own personal gifts and character. For some, they honour people through the gift of words; while others show honor through the use of physical and tangible gifts.

The concept of honouring others ties closely to the philosophy of Gentle Teaching. To show honour to someone epitomizes the concept of loving others. If we are honest with ourselves, it is hard to love someone if we don't respect someone. Likewise, it is hard to respect someone if we do not have some level of love (value/appreciation) for them. To love someone is the emotional, to honor someone is the action.



**"I take things like honour and loyalty seriously. It's more important to me than any materialistic thing or any fame I could have."**

- Lloyd Banks

**1** It is the honor that we give that draws attention to us: more so than the honor that we receive. When we give honor to others we create for ourselves a living community: one that lives and breathes devotion and care into the lives of others. In what ways do you serve others through honoring them? Be as specific as possible.

**2** It has been said by some, that honor isn't given easily as it must be deserved. How should we within Gentle Teaching approach this mindset? How do we make sense of it and yet still apply a healthy sense of boundaries to those that we serve?

**3** In what ways can you teach those that you serve to become more honoring (loving) towards others? What are some signs that you would see in their lives which would affirm the influence that you have had?