# HEMPSTEAD
## City of Character

"Building On a Solid Foundation"



*"Respect a man and he will do all the more."*
*—John Wooden*

**Featuring this month~**

## Honor

*vs. disrespect*

***"Respecting others because of the higher authorities they represent"***

***I will:***

- *respect my leaders.*
- *treat others with dignity.*
- *use good manners.*
- *not be sarcastic.*
- *remember that "all men are created equal."*

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### What is Honor?

The word "honor" is a Latin word meaning "official dignity, esteem." Although we are used to thinking of honor as being reserved for dignitaries or heroes, the concept of honor has a much broader use.

Each person has worth and should be treated with dignity. When we seek to understand others who may be very different from ourselves, we can begin to see valuable qualities in them and find ways to honor them.

Honor should especially be shown to our authorities. Even if we don't agree with their policies or their actions, we must honor their position. We can show them honor by speaking well of them, obeying them, and working for their success.

It has been traditional to honor the elderly by standing when they enter a room; how much more we should show them honor in caring for them, listening to their wisdom, and speaking respectfully to them. We should seek ways to honor all those who have benefited our lives.

When we honor those who have acted bravely or who have benefited our community, we empower them to do even greater good and encourage others to do likewise.

An environment where honor is extended is life-giving and fosters cooperativeness, respect and productivity. As individuals defer to their companions and offer honor, each is encouraged to develop his abilities to the fullest.

*"Honor all."*
*--St. Peter*

### Talk about Honor~

1. What makes you feel honored? Dishonored?

2. What are some ways your organization can increase the level of honor in it?

3. How can we honor the elderly?

4. Cite an example where you have seen honor given effectively?

5. Discuss a situation where virtue would demand an unpopular choice. What should your response be? (It is helpful to think through ahead of time the right response in possibly difficult situations.)

6. How can you honor an authority you don't agree with or like personally?

7. How can your organization honor character, rather than achievements or status?

### Honor Check-up:

- Do you honor all authorities because of the position they hold?
- Do you express honor to them by obeying, speaking well of them, and thanking them?
- Do you honor those who quietly serve you in menial jobs?
- Do you show honor to the elderly by standing when they enter a room
- Do you honor your country by willingly and honestly paying taxes?
- Have you honored your parents by obeying them, thanking them, and caring for them in their old age?
- Do you look for the value in others instead of feeling superior to them?
- Do you express value to others by making eye contact with them and speaking respectfully? By using good manners, deference, and speaking positively about them?

*"No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave." --Calvin Coolidge*

*The rules governing the care of the American flag demonstrate honor for our country.*

*"Honor others for their character, not for their wealth or social status."*
*--Character First*

### "But I don't like my authority!"

How do we show honor to an authority we dislike?

- Respect and honor his position
- Find ways to help him succeed
- Learn to appeal respectfully

*"Right makes might."*
*--Abe Lincoln*

*Parents - Click here for tips on encouraging your children to develop the character quality this month.*

*Check out the Just for Kids pages for virtue in a nature analogy and a historical lesson.*

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