



## Read Romans 12:10

DAY 1

We live in a “me first” world. Everyone wants to be first in line, first in the race, first to choose, or first to be rewarded. But honor means that we value others more than we value ourselves. Instead of pushing our way to the front of the pack, we should think about the people alongside us and put them first. Instead of “me first” we should be thinking “you first.” That’s honor.

Cross out the letters of the alphabet in order below. Write the remaining letters on the lines provided to reveal today’s verse.

A L O B V E O C N E D E A N O F T H G E R H I D E J E P L Y K H O L N O M N R O  
O P T H E Q R S R S M O T R E T U H A V N Y W O U X R Y S E Z L V E S

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## Romans 12:10, NIV

Thank God for loving you and ask Him to help you show honor by putting others first.

## Read Philippians 2:3

DAY 2

When you run a race, what do you want to be? First! When you work hard on a test, what do you want? The highest grade. When you line up, where do you want to be? In front!

It’s natural to want to be first. But that’s the opposite of honor. Honor reminds us that we are to show value to others. We can’t really do that when we’re constantly worried about being first. But there is good news. God never asks you to do something alone. He is with you and He will help you show honor.

How about a little “you first” challenge? Every time you go through a door, every time you line up, every time you and another person start to talk at the same time, say, “You first.” Can you go for a whole 24 hours?

Look for opportunities for the next 24 hours to let others go first. Ask God to help you honor others by putting them first.

## Read Philippians 2:4

DAY 3

Have you ever had to walk across an ice covered or puddle filled parking lot? Were you careful to watch your steps, paying close attention so you wouldn't fall?

When it comes to honor, God wants us to pay careful attention too. But He doesn't want us to focus on our feet! God wants us to look at the people around us and pay attention to their needs. He wants us to see how we can help, how we can be a good friend and show others they are important by putting them first. It means we take the focus off of ourselves and what we want, so we can see the needs of others and honor them.

Grab some pipe cleaners, Wiki Stix, or straws and tape. Bend your supply of choice to create a pair of glasses that fit around your ears. Put them on your face and read today's verse out loud. Then ask God to help you notice the people around you, so you can be a good friend by putting others first.



## Read Matthew 23:12

DAY 4

Jonathan, King Saul's son, definitely understood humility. As the King Saul's son, perhaps Jonathan thought that he would be chosen as the next king. But God chose David, Jonathan's best friend, for the job. Instead of being jealous or angry, Jonathan supported his best friend and protected David from his father. Talk about a good friend!

**Circle words below that describe a good friend:**

Humble

A good listener

Kind

Helpful

Rude

Selfish

Prideful

Trustworthy

Good friends understand how to honor one another by being kind, honest, and trustworthy. Good friends also show humility. A humble friend is someone who puts others first. This kind of friend doesn't always have to be right, or get his or her way, or make all the decisions.

Ask God to help you be a good friend this week, the kind of friend who humbles himself/herself by putting others first.