

<i>Jesus and Ourselves</i>	"Instruction for Teachers and Believers"
<p>II. JESUS' CONCERN FOR OUR SELF-RESPECT (39)</p> <p>Rightly or wrongly, I conceive self-respect to be belief in one's own worth—worth to God and worth to man. It may, of course, abnormally develop until it becomes pride, conceit, or arrogance;... (39).</p> <p>[cont'd] ...or it may be minimized, making a man slack, careless, and shabby in character as in dress (39).</p> <p>'The first thing to be done to help a man to moral regeneration,' says Macdougall [William McDougall], the great psychologist, 'is to restore if possible his self-respect' (39).</p> <p>If you are bound constantly to rebuke a child for one fault which he often commits,... (43).</p> <p>[cont'd] ...do praise him for other qualities which he possesses (43).</p> <p>Jesus will stop at nothing to give a man back his self-respect (41).</p> <p>[I]t is so easy to wound a person's self-respect, and again and again I have seen a timid soul shrink right inside his shell because there was a feeling of inability to meet the thrusts of a quicker mind (42).</p> <p>[cont'd] Jesus was very careful in this not to wound men's self-respect. He was never sarcastic at the expense of simple-minded people (42).</p> <p>It will be a mark of a Christian society to have a concern for people's self-respect...The danger of unemployment, from a religious and psychological point of view, lies here. It tends to undermine a man's self-respect (45).</p> <p>[?][Y]ou must see God's will in the job you are doing every day. If it cannot be reconciled with God's will, you must get out of it.... Your work is service to the community, and, if well done, is service to</p>	<p>3 In bringing men into the kingdom, do not lessen or destroy their self-respect.</p> <p>While overmuch self-respect may destroy proper humility and end in pride, conceit, and arrogance, the loss of self-respect often ends in paralysis of the will.¹¹</p> <p>It is the purpose of this gospel to restore self-respect to those who have lost it and to restrain it in those who have it.¹²</p> <p>Make not the mistake of only condemning the wrongs in the lives of your pupils; remember also to accord generous recognition for the most praiseworthy things in their lives.</p> <p>I will stop at nothing to restore self-respect to those who have lost it, and who really desire to regain it.</p> <p>4 Take care that you do not wound the self-respect of timid and fearful souls.</p> <p>Do not indulge in sarcasm at the expense of my simple-minded brethren.</p> <p>Be not cynical with my fear-ridden children.</p> <p>Idleness is destructive of self-respect;</p>