

You will find, you will probably get easily hurt when someone else says something that seems to be degrading you. Think of the golden rule: Do unto others as you would that they should do to you.

I heard of a man the other day give an exposition of this I had never heard before. He said, This does not simply mean give the other person the thing you would like him to give you. He said, Give the other person the attitude you would like to have him show ~~to~~ toward you. If you would like to have recognition, give recognition to others wherever you can. We all like recognition. You might say, Well, I don't care what other people think of me! It's the ~~actual~~ actual act I'm interested in. I'm interested in getting ahead and accomplishing something." Yes, you may think that, but let somebody make a public statement unexpectedly to you ~~xxx~~ that speaks highly of what you have done and if you don't get a thrill out of it, you are a very very unusual person. We're all so built that we appreciate, we are grateful for appreciation. Give it to others. Give other people the thing that would mean something to you.

Learn to understand other people. Now, that's not easy! That is very difficult. As the Psalmist says, We are fearfully and wonderfully made. We are -- man is a queer combination of characteristics. I've found out some years ago. There was something I thought I would like to do and I was not quite sure. It would cost so much. If you don't pay it by such a date, you have to pay so much extra penalty. The date came and past. I said, the chance is lost; I won't consider it any further. So I did not get it. Then a little later I got a notice about a trip I'd like to make for the Sierra Club and they said the trip ~~costs~~ costs so much. They said, If you pay for it a month ahead of time, you will be excused so much money. Well, I thought isn't that great! If I get it in ahead of that I'm excused, but if I don't make up my mind before that time I just ~~won't~~ won't be excused for I'll take the regular rate. I had the exact opposite reaction from the identical situation simply expressed differently. It makes a tremendous difference how things are expressed.

I've had people who have done favors for me and do it while speaking in such a way that I had to force myself to thank them. And I've had people do little tiny favors for me, and express it in such a way that I felt inexpressibly grateful to them! We are fearfully and wonderfully made.

A young pastor told me, A young woman came to me and she said, My husband is a deacon in this church and he's not worthy of it. She said, his character is not fit to be a deacon. She said at the election I think you ought to see that he is not reelected. Well, the pastor said he would talk it over He went to the deacon and said to him, You've been a deacon for three years and he said, I'm not sure you've grown enough that it is wise for you to continue. Don't you think it would be good if you ~~did~~ did not let your name be put up at this time? And the man did not. And the next