

A Thought About Honor



Lao Tzu once said, “Fail to honor people, they fail to honor you. But of a good leader, who talks little, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will all say, ‘We did this ourselves.’”

But just how do you honor people? A good leader listens to the people who work for him or her. And good leaders take what the people are telling them seriously. If workers come up with good ideas, good leaders use their power to implement the suggestion—and then they give credit to the person whose idea it was. Good leaders take the blame themselves when mistakes are made, but they pass out praise and credit when something is achieved and give the credit to the people who work for them.

Follow this small bit of wisdom, and you’ll likely find that you have loyal workers who truly honor you and will probably be willing to go to the ends of the Earth for you, because it’s a sad fact that few leaders understand this important principle.