

What is Honor?

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Ever since I was in Boy Scouts, I sought to be an honorable person. At twelve, though, I had no idea what that meant. Still, I pledged along with the others, "On My Honor, I will ..." and so forth.

I learned that honor embodies personal responsibility, self-determination, self-reliance, and self-discipline all embedded in a deep-seated respect for others. When these traits are put together in one person, that person has the ability to act honorably, and thus earn his honor. Subsequently, he is bound to defend his honor by continuing to do honorable acts.

Honor requires:

Truth

Honesty

Respect

Faith

Participation

Parenthood

Friendship

Support

Rescue

Self-risk

Defending others

Protecting others

Honor is a measure of commitment to principle. The principle of self - of self construction.