

Be Wise - Honor

Proverbs 4:7 - *Wisdom is the most important thing; so get wisdom. If it costs everything you have, get understanding.*

Proverbs 3:35 - *The wise will inherit **honor**, but fools get disgrace.*

We need to bring honor back in our culture.

HONOR - To make weighty. To value or treat as extraordinary. To distinguish. To esteem highly.

DISHONOR - To take lightly. Treat as common or ordinary. To devalue.

HONOR BEGINS WHEN WE SEE PEOPLE THE WAY GOD SEES PEOPLE.

God sees us in our weakness, in our mistakes...and sees who we can become. While we were still sinners He died for us. When we honor people, we place a value on them that God does.

When we honor, we become the beneficiary

Matthew 13:57-58 - *57 And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, “**A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household.**” 58 And **he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.***

*They had become so familiar with Jesus and his family...**they did not receive the benefit FROM him because they didn't give honor TO him.** -*

Familiarity breeds contempt. Familiarity comes from the word Familial. Those close to you. There's a command to honor in the bible...1 of the 10 commandments that's referenced here:

Ephesians 6:2-3 - 2 “**Honor your father and mother**” (this is the first commandment with a promise), 3 “**that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.**”

- **You obey when you're in the home. You honor forever.** - When you're under their roof and they are your authority you obey, but honor is forever.

The promise tied to honoring your parents is that it will go well with you...that you will live long...in the land that God is giving you. Your quality of life depends on your honor

HONOR IS NOT EARNED. IT'S GIVEN.

Romans 13:7 - *7 Give to everyone what you owe them: Pay your taxes and government fees to those who collect them, and **give respect and honor to those who are in authority.***

You will never be over if you can't honor when you're under.

1 Peter 2:17 - ***Honor all people**, love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor*
You have to humble yourself to give honor first to others and receive honor.

Proverbs 15:33 - *The fear of the Lord is instruction in wisdom, and **humility comes before honor.***

HOW TO HONOR OTHERS

1. PRIORITIZE THEM

- You prioritize what you place value on. You will give your time, your love, your efforts even your resources.
- **Proverbs 3:9** - *Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the **firstfruits** of all your produce.*
- **Philippians 2:3-4** - *3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but **in humility count others more significant than yourselves.** 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*
- **Whatever you prioritize you value...whatever you value, you honor.**

2. PRAISE THEM

- We live in a cut down culture. People who honor create a build up culture.
- **1 Thessalonians 5:11** - *Therefore **encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing***
 - *We live in a culture that speaks first and thinks later. We have to think first and speak later.*
 - **Proverbs 17:28** - *Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is deemed intelligent*
- **Proverbs 10:11** - *The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life,*
- If your words were the water someone was drinking today...would it be a fountain of life that leads to honor or a fountain of death that leads to dishonor?
- **We honor God when we praise Him, and we honor people when we praise them.** What comes out of our mouth matters.

3. PROTECT THEM

- If you value something you protect it. If you value people, you protect them. If you have valuables in your house...you protect them..you cover them...you try to keep them safe.
- **We live in a culture that's quick to expose...and slow to cover.**
- **1 Corinthians 12:21-26** - *21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and **on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, 24 which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, 25 that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.***
- Honoring them says "i'm not going to dismiss sin, but i'm going to cover and protect you i'm going to fight for you...and help restore you"

What would our culture look like...what would the body of Christ look like...if we lived this verse:

Romans 12:10 - *Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.*

Whatever you honor gets better.