

Power of Honor

Review: Imparted Anointing - getting for little what others paid much for

Requirement: Honor Gods Appointed Leaders

not just obedience/hierarchy - heart attitude

- heart connection is how transfer happens

Honor is a Culture of Heaven the Church Demonstrates on Earth (Lifestyle)

Honor has Power - generates effect, consequences (Dishonor)

Concern: Culture of Honor being lost

Honor is a Necessary Component of Love

We can't love what we don't Value

(1Sa 2:30) ³⁰“Therefore the LORD God of Israel says: ‘I said indeed that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.’ But now the LORD says: ‘Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.

Context: Eli & sons, consequence was early deaths, lost inheritance

Honor God Above People (Saul - fear of man)

(Jn 12:26) ²⁶“If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

Honor God by Honoring People

(Mt 25:40) ⁴⁰“And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’

(Pr 14:31) ³¹He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker,

But he who honors Him has mercy on the needy.

Heaven's Value System

What does it look like when God Honors Us? Favor!

ex: wicked boss story

(Pr 16:7) ⁷When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Principle: Honorable Labor Gains Favor

(1Ti 6:1) ¹Let as many bondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed.

(1Pe 2:17-18) ¹⁷**Honor all people.** Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. ¹⁸Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.

Principle: Humility Precedes Honor

(Pr 15:33) ³³The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom, and before honor is humility.

(Pr 29:23)²³A man's pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor.

Honor gives Preference

(Ro 12:10) ¹⁰Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

Honor Serves

(Phl 2:3-4) ³Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Context: Jesus the humble servant (ex: foot washing ~ Mt 23:11)

Opposite of Self Promotion (Meekness)

Seeking Honor from Men Cuts Off Favor from God

(Jas 4:6, 10) ⁶Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

¹⁰Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Our Faith is Tied to Our Favor

(Jn 5:44) ⁴⁴“How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?”

Honor Acts Honorably (manners, decorum)

(1Th 4:4) ⁴that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,

(1Pe 2:11-12) ¹¹Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, ¹²having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Witness: Demonstration of the Culture of Heaven

Family Honor: the Ultimate Witness

(Ep 6:1-3) ¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: ³“that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”

Consider Blessing/Consequence

(1Pe 3:7) ⁷Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

(Ep 5:33) ³³Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Context: submission - **Higher Principle: Mutual Honor**

Respect is Honor

(1Ti 5:1-3) ¹Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers, ²older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, with all purity. ³Honor widows who are really widows.

(Lev 19:32) ³²“You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I am the LORD.

Honor Age (ex: driving in Florida)

Submission is Honor - not necessarily agreement

(Ro 13:7) ⁷Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

Context: Submission to Governmental Authority (Daniel – wicked rulers)

Honorable Speech (Eph 4:29-30) ~ politics most difficult

Paul before Ananias (Acts 23:1-5)

(Ex 22:28) ²⁸“You shall not revile God, nor curse a ruler of your people.

We can Choose Honor - Developed Mindset

(2Ti 2:20-21) ²⁰But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. ²¹Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

We can Choose to Believe all Christians will be Vessels of Honor - Value! (1 Pe 2:17)

ex: 2 youth girls

(Isa 46:9-10) ⁹Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, ¹⁰declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,’ (Ro 4:17, 21) ¹⁷God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

²¹and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

(Phl 1:3-7) ³I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, ⁵for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; ⁷just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace.

We can Choose to be Honorable in Difficult Circumstances

(Pr 24:16-19)

¹⁶For a righteous man may fall seven times and rise again, but the wicked shall fall by calamity.

¹⁷Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles;

¹⁸lest the LORD see it, and it displease Him, and He turn away His wrath from him.

¹⁹Do not fret because of evildoers, nor be envious of the wicked;

Higher Perspective: God is more concerned with Our Honor than theirs

I don't Require Honor in return to Give Honor