

Honor 3

2 John 1:8

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Honor is to value something. You place a value or respect on something.

Dishonor . Its meaning is to not show respect or value, to treat as common, **to treat as ordinary** or menial.

Who do we honor?

1. Civil Leaders
2. Social Leaders – employers, bosses, teachers, and coaches.
3. Domestic leaders
4. Church Leaders

Civil Leaders

Who are Civil leaders?

1. Mayors
2. Government officials
3. Policemen, firemen
4. Judges
5. Even high profile business people

Romans 13:7

Social Leaders

Who are your social leaders?

- a. your boss
- b. Your teachers
- c. Your employee
- d. Your coaches or tutors

Titus 2:9, 10 (AMP)

“Tell bond servants to be submissive to their masters, to be pleasing and give satisfaction in every way. Warn them not to talk back or contradict, nor to steal by taking things of small value, but to prove themselves truly loyal and entirely reliable and faithful throughout, so that in everything they may be an ornament and do credit to the teaching which is from and about God our savior”.

Mark Twain wrote 'Do the right thing, it will gratify some people and astonish the rest.'

How can you honor someone?

1. use their title
2. do things for them
3. speak nicely about them
4. don't listen when others speak bad about them
5. give them things
6. buy them a coffee

Domestic Leaders

Ephesians 6:2-3

Honor your father and mother, which is the commandment with a promise: that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth'.

What promises!

- ◆ That it may go well with you
- ◆ That you live long.

The wife's call to honor

Ephesians 5:33

Let the wife see that she respects and reverences her husband [that she notices him, regards him, honors him, prefers him, venerates, and esteems him; and that she defers to him, praises him and loves and admires him exceedingly].

The Husbands call to honor.

1 Peter 3:7

Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel.

Some people have taken that to mean that the woman is under the man as the weaker vessel. She is below you. **But no it simply means she cant bench press as much as you.** On average the physical strength of a man is greater than that of a woman.

Some men just need to get over their superiority complex. Men how do you treat woman? How do you treat the woman in your life? What are your thoughts towards her?

So what does it mean to treat woman as weaker vessels?

Treat them like ladies . Pulling the chair out, standing up for them, opening the door for them, protecting her from the rudeness of others, give her more money than you to buy clothes, choose her favourite restaurant. Give room for her words, her wisdom in your world.

The best honor is leadership.

True leadership is making decisions.
Stop deferring to her something you should be making yourself.

We need men and woman to see the full image of God.

Genesis 1:27

'So God created man (mankind) in His own image; in the image of God he created him, male and female He created them.'

Church Leaders

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

And we urge you, brethren to recognize those who labor among you and over in the Lord and admonish them,
And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake.

New Living Translation

"Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and warn you against all that is wrong. Think highly of them and give them your wholehearted love because of their work".

I have been saved for almost thirty years. **One thing I have found** is that people in church that were the most satisfied, complete, stable and successful were those who highly esteemed their leaders.

Most people can spot dishonor most of the times. It's usually pretty blatant. Accompanied by rudeness, disloyalty, disrespect, grumbling, and gossip. Easy to see and easy to run from.

What about dishonor that's not so easy to see?

John Bevere calls it **subtle dishonor** .

Subtle dishonor is when we honor with our lips but not with our heart. Let me give you a tale. Page 113 -114

I am going to call a day of prayer and fasting for the next five weeks. Every week we are going to have a one hour prayer meeting on Tuesday night. Every person that comes to all five prayer meetings at the end of the five nights I am going to give them \$1000. I wonder how many would turn up.

Would you still turn up if nothing was promised? Would you make the same effort? Would you come ready to pray? Would the room be filled every night?

Subtle dishonor is displayed when

- ◆ We only do what's asked when there is a reward.
- ◆ You are one of the first to support when there is a win, but also one of the first to pull down when there is an error.
- ◆ Your voice is louder than your actions.

Subtle dishonor to any person is not always easy to spot upfront, but take some time and seek God asking Him to show you how better to honor your leaders in church.

Subtle Dishonor is not limited to Leaders

Subtle dishonor can be carried into every aspect of our lives. Into our relationships, our friendships an even with our peers.

When we say one thing about someone to their face and another when they leave the room we dishonor a person. We might be holding something and then call a person a name once they leave the room, but once we do we dishonor them.

When you dishonor someone you bring to your world, common, ordinary things. When we honor someone we bring to our world things of value or that are precious.

What you sow you reap.

Double Honor

1 Timothy 5:17-18

Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. For the scripture says, 'You shall

not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain,' and the "labourer is worthy of his wages".

Double honor.

If you are asked to do something for the church, **be prompt and do it with excellence.** Don't go and do it with in appropriate attire or if you are picking up someone clean your car.

Ayleen and I do not seek honor. For any leader to seek or demand honor is out of step with God's heart.

Double honor.... Its yours to seek God.

In Summary honor

It comes from the heart.

It outworks in your life through your speech, your thoughts, and your actions.

But Ps Jude aren't we all equal in Christ. Isn't everyone the same in the world? We are all equally important and should be honored. Yes and No.

We honor position.

When we come to church without an offering we dishonor God. When we mock our leader we dishonor them. When we don't listen to their counsel we dishonor them. When we push in front of someone we dishonor them. When we don't use their title we dishonor them. When we listen to someone badmouthing our leader and we don't stand up for them we dishonor ourselves and our leader.

It should not be so. God wants us to have a full blessing, a full reward. It should not be the other way. God desires us to walk with the full reward. God wants to give to everyone the same. He is not restricted because of His thoughts for us he is restricted because of our actions, thoughts and speech about people.

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