

# Honor

## I. Defining Honor

**Honor** (*Respect, Esteem*) literally translates to "**Weight**" or "**Heaviness.**"

To honor someone in the Biblical sense is to grant them "weight" in your life—to treat them as significant, valuable, and substantial. This stands in contrast to treating someone as "light" or trivial (having no value or importance).

- *The World vs. The Kingdom:* There is often a lack of honor in the world outside the church, but we are called to a higher standard.

## II. The Connection Between Honor and Grace

You can tie Grace with Honor, and it will multiply your Grace.

**James 4:6 (NASB95)** *"But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, 'GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.'"*

## III. God's Response to Honor

The primary way God honors people is with His presence. When we honor God, He honors us. This atmosphere of honor is often why we see miracles, signs, and wonders; He is responding to the honor shown to Him.

**The Principle:** We are not waiting on God; He is waiting on us.

## IV. Who Should We Honor?

Scripture outlines four distinct areas where honor is required:

1. **God** (Through worship, obedience, etc.)
2. **Parents** (Ephesians 6:1-3, Matthew 15:4)
3. **Authority Figures**

**Romans 13:1-2 (NASB95)** *"Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves."*

4. **One Another**

**Romans 12:10 (NASB95)** *"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;"*

## V. How Do We Honor?

Honor is an **action**, not just a feeling. We demonstrate it through:

- **Speech:** Speaking well of others; refusing to gossip.
- **Resources:** Using money, time, and help to serve others.

- **Conduct:** Reflecting well on yourself, your family, and your faith (bearing the image and likeness of God).

## **VI. The Consequence of Dishonor**

**1 Samuel 2:30 (NASB95)** *"Therefore the LORD God of Israel declares, 'I did indeed say that your house and the house of your father should walk before Me forever'; but now the LORD declares, 'Far be it from Me—for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me will be lightly esteemed.'"*

**Key Truth:** What you despise, you will lose.

## **VII. Honoring Spiritual Authority**

(Reference: **2 Samuel 6**)

If you do not respect the place a leader has in your life, you do not respect the God who placed them there. We must trust our leadership to hear from the Lord and place His people according to His will. Whether we initially agree or not, we choose to honor that placement.

## **Conclusion**

Pay the respect you owe, and you will reap the respect you sow.

**Luke 2:52** *"And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."*