

Honor and Discipleship — Teaching Notes

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Part 1—Honor

Honor

- ❖ The respect that is given to someone who is admired. A person with honor has a good name and good public reputation, high moral and ethical standards of behavior, and good quality of character as judged by other people. They are shown merited respect, recognition and fame, given an exalted title, and hold a high office.

Honor YHVH

- ℵ "Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great: You are clothed with honor and majesty" (Psalm 104:1, NKJV).
- ℵ "Sing out the honor of His name; Make His praise glorious" (Psalm 66:2).

Honor Jesus Christ Yeshua

- α "For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him" (John 5:22-23).
- ℵ "For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor" (Psalm 8:5).
- ℵ "His glory is great in Your salvation; Honor and majesty You have placed upon him" (Psalm 21:5).
- α "And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" (Revelation 5:13).

Fear the Lord

- ℵ "The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom, And before honor is humility" (Proverbs 15:33).
- ℵ "By humility and the fear of the Lord Are riches and honor and life" (Proverbs 22:4).

Follow the Lord

- α "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" (John 12:26).

Give to the Lord

- ℵ "Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase" (Proverbs 3:9).

Follow Righteousness and Mercy

- ℵ "He who follows righteousness and mercy Finds life, righteousness, and honor" (Proverbs 21:21).

Honor Your Father and Mother

- ℵ "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you" (Exodus 20:12).
- α "For God commanded, saying, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death'" (Matthew 15:4).
- α "'Honor your father and mother', which is the first commandment with promise: 'that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth'" (Ephesians 6:2-3).

Honor Israel

- ℵ "Also today the Lord has proclaimed you to be His special people, just as He promised you, that you should keep all His commandments, and that He will set you high above all nations which He has made, in praise, in name, and in honor, and that you may be a holy people to the Lord your God, just as He has spoken" (Deuteronomy 26:18-19).

- ⚡ "I will cleanse them [Israel] from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned and by which they have transgressed against Me. Then it shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise, and an honor before all nations of the earth, who shall hear all the good that I do to them; they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and all the prosperity that I provide for it" (Jeremiah 33:8-9).
- ⚡ "but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Romans 2:10).

Honor Your Brother in Christ

- ⚡ "Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another" (Romans 12:10).
- ⚡ "And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty" (1 Corinthians 12:23).

Honor the Elders and Pastors

- ⚡ "Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine" (1 Timothy 5:17).

Honor the Elderly

- ⚡ "'You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I am the Lord" (Leviticus 19:32).

Honor Your Spouse

- ⚡ "Husbands, 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" (1 Peter 3:7).
- ⚡ "Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:22).

Honor Widows

✠ "Honor widows who are really widows" (1 Timothy 5:3).

Honor Your Master

- ✠ "Let 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" (1 Timothy 6:1).
- ✠ "Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor" (Romans 13:7).

Honor Your Body

- ✠ "Therefore 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" (2 Timothy 2:21).
- ✠ "that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor" (1 Thessalonians 4:4).

Honor All People

- ✠ "Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king" (1 Peter 2:17).

Honor Comes from the Lord

- ✠ "Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God" (John 8:54).

The Honor of the Saints

- ✠ "To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples; To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute on them the written judgment—This honor have all His saints. Praise the Lord! (Psalm 149:7-9).

Part 2—Discipleship

Discipleship

- ❖ One who is a convinced adherent of a school or individual, in this case Jesus. One who copies, mimics, resembles or imitates another person's behavior and appearance. One who does things the same way by following a pattern, model, or example. One who appears like and produces a copy of the same.

Go Make Disciples

- α "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).

Be Imitators of God

- α "Therefore be imitators of God as dear children" (Ephesians 5:1).

All Things Through Christ

- α "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I [Jesus] said to you" (John 14:26).
- α "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

Imitate Your Spiritual Leaders

- α "Therefore I urge you, imitate me" (1 Corinthians 4:16).
- α "For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans" (1 Thessalonians 2:14).
- α "that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises" (Hebrews 6:12).

Be Gentle and Lowly in Heart

α "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:29).

℟ "I will leave in your midst A meek and humble people, And they shall trust in the name of the Lord" (Zephaniah 3:12).

The Fruit of the Spirit

α "... love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control..." (Galatians 5:22-23).

Let Your Light Shine

α "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

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