

Teaching Honor

Hebrews 13:18 "Pray for us that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way."



What does it mean to honor someone? Is this an action or heart attitude?

Honor: To fix value, revere, respect, admire, exalt, make a distinction, regard as important

Respect: To give particular attention or consideration, give high or special regard, to consider worthy, esteem

Honoring God Above All:

*** Submitting or yielding our rights to the sovereign will & authority of God**

Malachi 1:6 "A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If I am a father, where is the honor due me? If I am a master, where is the respect due me? Says the LORD Almighty."

John 5:23 "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." (8:49)

Proverbs 3:9 "Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops."

• In what ways should we honor God?

• In what ways do we dishonor God?

Isaiah 29:13 "They honor me with their lips – but their heart is far from me."

Romans 2:23,24 "You who brag about the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law? God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."

Rom. 1:21 "Although they knew God, they didn't honor him as God or give thanks"

• Honoring God (Godly Fear) is foundational to honoring any other authority, including one's parents.

Honoring Parents:

Exodus 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD God is giving you." (Deut. 5:16)

Leviticus 19:3 "Each of you must respect his mother and father... I am the LORD your God." (Matt. 15:4)

Deuteronomy 27:16 "Cursed is the man who dishonors his father or his mother."
(Micah 7:2,6; Prov. 30:11,17; 20:20)

Ephesians 6:1-3 "Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother – which is the first commandment with a promise – that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."
(Col. 3:20 "obey in everything, for this pleases God")

Hebrews 12:9 "We have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it."

- In what ways do we honor or dishonor our parents?

Ways We Should Honor Our Parents:

1. We honor parents by obedience. (Eph. 6:1-3; Col. 3:20; Deut. 21:18-21)

"Children, obey your parents... for this is right... Honor your father & mother..."

- Obedience is an expression of honoring
- First Time Obedience (Cheerful, willfully) ("Yes Mom, Yes Dad!")
Delayed obedience is disobedience/dishonor.
- Obedience should come before opportunity (Prov. 15:29; Ps. 66:18)

2. We honor parents with appropriate speech

Matthew 12:34; 15:18 "The things that come out of the mouth come from the heart..."

Proverbs 15:23,28 "how good is a timely word" "the heart of the righteous ponders how to answer."

Proverbs 25:11 "a word spoken in right circumstances."

Proverbs 10:32 "the lips of the righteous bring forth what is acceptable."

Ephesians 4:29 "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

- Not in a disrespectful tone of voice (belittling, demeaning, treating the parent as though they were the child, sarcastic, sassy, talking back, scoffing
"How could you say that differently so that it would not be disrespectful?"
*Ask a question: instead of "Give me a fork!" Ask, "Mom, will you hand me a fork, please?"
- How should/shouldn't teenagers talk about their parents to their friends?
- Make an appeal in a respectful way. (Eph. 4:15)
Dad, I will do what you have asked first. Can we set a time when we can talk more about some of the questions I have?

3. We honor parents with right behavior

Proverbs 11:29 "He who brings trouble on his family will inherit only wind."

Proverbs 19:26 "He who robs his father and drives out his mother is a son who brings shame and disgrace." (28:24)

Proverbs 20:11 "Even a child is known by his actions by whether his conduct is pure and right."

- Not inappropriate body language (haughty eyes/facial expressions)
Proverbs 30:13,17 "those whose eyes are ever so haughty and whose glances are so disdainful..." "The eye that mocks a father, that scorns obedience to a mother." (Psalms 18:27; 101:5; Prov. 6:16,17; Gen. 4:6)
Your face is a reflection of your heart.

4. We honor parents with a right attitude

Philippians 2:3,4 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others more important than yourself. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus."

Romans 12:10 "Giving preference to one another"

- Not with a bad attitude (demanding, self-centered)
"You owe me" "I deserve it" "You should do it for me." "I don't need you..."
- We dishonor parents by interrupting or being disruptive.
Selfishly taking the parents focus off needed tasks to prefer the child's wishes & needs.

5. We honor parents by having a grateful (thankful) heart

1 Thessalonians 5:18 "Give thanks in all circumstances."

- Saying please, thank you, and asking permission acknowledges a higher authority over our lives and our need to submit to that authority humbly. We should not demand our rights but submit our needs to the graciousness of another.

6. We honor parents by silence and having a listening ear (attentiveness)

Proverbs 1:8,24,25; 4:1-5; 8:32-34; 18:13; 22:17,18; 23:22 "Listen my son..." "Pay attention to..." "Listen... and do not despise..."

How Are You Personally At Honoring Others?

1 Timothy 5:1,2 "Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity."

1 Peter 5:5 "Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourself with humility toward one another..."

- How should we honor those older than us?

1 Timothy 5:4,8,16 "If a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family, and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God." "If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." "If any woman who is a believer has widows in her family, she should help them and not let the church be burdened with them, so that the church can help those widows who are really in need."

Leviticus 19:32 "Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God, I am the LORD."

Proverbs 16:31; 20:29 "Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained by a righteous life." "...Gray hair is the splendor of the old."

- How should we honor our grandparents, aunts and uncles? How should we respond when we don't agree with them?

Ephesians 6:5 "Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ."

1 Timothy 6:1,2 "... consider your masters worthy of full respect..." Those who have believing masters are not to show less respect for them because they are brothers, instead, they are to serve them even better..."

1 Peter 2:18 "Slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh..."

- How should we honor our bosses? (even when they are difficult)

1 Peter 2:17 "Show proper respect to everyone... fear God, honor the king." (Ex. 22:28)

- How should we honor those in authority over us? (government, president, police)
How should we respond regarding that authority when we don't agree with them?

1 Peter 3:7 "Husbands, be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect (honor), as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers."

Ephesians 5:33 "... and the wife must respect her husband."

1 Peter 3:2 "...won over without words... by their (wives) chaste and respectful behavior."

- How should we honor our mates?
- How should/shouldn't we talk about our mate to other people?

1 Thessalonians 5:12,13 "Respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work." (1 Tim. 5:17 "worthy of double honor")

- How should we honor spiritual leadership?