



Talk it Over

PASTOR LYLE – HONOR — 05/11/25

KEY SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:10

Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

Proverbs 3:9

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce.

Exodus 20:12

"Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Romans 13:1-7

Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. 7 Give to everyone what you owe them: Pay your taxes and government fees to those who collect them, and give respect and honor to those who are in authority.

1 Timothy 5:17

Elders who do their work well should be respected and paid well, especially those who work hard at both preaching and teaching.

1 Peter 3:7

In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.

START TALKING

On Mother's Day we quickly think of scripture's instruction to children to "honor your father and mother". Pastor Lyle surveyed how the Bible demonstrates God's desire that His people be characterized as those who honor one another. He also highlighted the spiritual implications if honor is not given its place in relationships.

What is your experience in relationships/communities where honor was, and was not, present? What difference did it make? Why, then, might God desire it so specifically among His people?

START DISCUSSING

Read Romans 12:10

Honor: To value, respect, or highly esteem. It is given to something precious, weighty, or valuable.

Discuss what it means to honor someone, and what it looks like.

Read Proverbs 3:9

Discuss the ways we can honor God.

Read Exodus 20:12; Romans 13:1-7; 1 Timothy 5:17

When considering parents (as adult children), government authorities, and church leaders, we will almost certainly be in situations where we do not agree with decisions made or even consider them sinful. **What does honor look like in disagreement? Do you believe there is ever a situation where dishonor is called for and approved by God?**

Read 1 Peter 3:7

Likewise, the wife is instructed to respect her husband in Ephesians 5:33.

Discuss ways a marriage can be characterized by honor.

What are the implications for a husband's spiritual life if he does not honor his wife? Given what we know about a husband's role, why might these be connected?

Discuss ways to honor and respect in difficult times when we don't want to or feel they do not deserve honor or respect.

Congregational honor can seem easy and obvious when we are talking about our circle of friends. **Take time to identify categories or members in a church.** (Consider age, opinions, spiritual maturity, gender, family status) **How would you honor each category? Are there unique ways to honor them?**

Prayerfully commit to honor others more intentionally.