

HONOR



**Honoring God is not a one-time thing,
it is a lifestyle.**

***There are so many trends that come and
go within our lifetime. Those trends don't
determine how we should honor
the Lord with our lives.***

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Nehemiah had favor

- High official in the Persian court of King Xerxes 1
- He was the King's cupbearer – it shows he had upright character
- He acquired the king's permission to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the city because it was heavy on his heart, and he had compassion for God's people
- He was given letters from the king to ensure safe passage and obtain timber from the king's forest for the gates and walls of Jerusalem

Nehemiah became the governor in the land of Judah

- He did not take advantage of the food and land allotments because there was already a great burden.**
- He made the other nobles and officials forgive all outstanding debts and ordered them to return all land and money that had been taken as taxes, so the people would be able to feed themselves and their families.**
- They repaired and rebuilt the walls and gates in 52 days.**

Nehemiah honored the Lord

- **Compassion**
- **Sensitive to the voice of God**
- **He was obedient**
- **Man of character**
- **Man of integrity**
- **Good work ethic**

And the people blessed all the men who willingly offered to live in Jerusalem.

- They left their homes and land to build up the holy city. They volunteered to serve in Jerusalem.**
- We honor the Lord when we give, sacrifice, serve and support His Kingdom. He honors us.**

1. Willing to lead by example

Pattern yourselves after me [follow my example], as I imitate and follow Christ (the Messiah).

1 Corinthians 11 (AMPC)

2. Be Committed to seeking God's Will

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3. Be Willing to obey the Lord's commands

God will speak to you, and is speaking to many of you on how you need to live a life that is honoring to Him, and ways that you need to be obedient.

4. Be Willing to sacrifice and be uncomfortable

Any time God calls us to step out of our comfort zone, He is not calling us to do it in our own strength, but it can only be done through His strength.

6 So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts.

Zechariah 4:6 (NKJV)

5. Be Committed to building God's house

As part of the revival, they promised to not neglect the house of God. It was to be a permanent focus of their life and ministry whether they lived in Jerusalem or not.

6. Be Willing to serve without receiving Glory here on earth

***God is looking for people who are willing to
serve whether they receive recognition or not.***

7. Be Committed to respecting and serving those in authority

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

Hebrews 13:17 (NKJV)