

Memorial Day - Honor

Pastor Chris Collins Mark 6:1-6

"Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. 'Where did this man get these things?' they asked. 'What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?' And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, 'Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor.'" (Mark 6:1-4)

without honor: atimos (at'-ee-mos); to dishonor; to treat as common or ordinary.

honor: time (tim-may') to value, respect, or highly esteem;

to treat as precious, weighty or valuable.

• Respect is <u>EARNED</u>... Honor is <u>GIVEN</u>

"Jesus <u>could not do any miracles there</u>, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their lack of faith." (Mark 6:5-6)

WHO ARE WE CALLED TO HONOR?

1. Our PARENTS.

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

Action Step: Write your parents a note.

2. Those in AUTHORITY.

"Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe, respect, then respect; if honor, then honor." (Romans 13:7)

Action Step: Pray for a leader in authority for the next 7 days.

3. PASTORS and church leaders.

"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching." (1 Timothy 5:17)

"Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor." (Romans 12:10)

Action Step: Thank someone who serves you in this church.

THE REASON OUR CULTURE <u>LACKS</u> HONOR IS BECAUSE PEOPLE AREN'T HONORING <u>GOD</u>.

"You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!" (Psalm 22:23)

"The Lord said: 'These people approach me with their speeches to honor me with lipservice - yet their hearts are far from me, and human rules direct their worship of me.'" (Isaiah 29:13)