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Honor
April 14, 2024

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Truths about Honor:

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1 Peter 2:16-17 Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.

How can we show honor at the table?

1. Celebrate _____.

Proverbs 24:3-4 By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.

2. Value _____ over just communicating.

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- c) Develop good _____ contact.
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3. Power of the _____.

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How to bless someone:

- a) Meaningful _____
- b) A _____ message
- c) Attach high _____ of the one being blessed
- d) Picture a special _____ of the one being blessed
- e) An active _____ to fulfill the blessing

4. Remember spiritual _____.

3 Keys to Spiritual Transformation:

- a) Talk about the person of _____.

Ephesians 4:20-21 But that isn’t what you learned about Christ. Since you have heard about Jesus have learned the truth that comes from him...

- b) Look for the _____ of God.

2 Peter 1:4 ...he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the worlds corruption caused by human desires.

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Isaiah 1:19 If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land.

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