

“Giving Honor in a Culture of Contempt”

Romans 12: 9-16

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What is honor?

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Greek word is “*time*” or τιμή. Means to “value or price”

To honor someone is to assign “value” to them

God has glory with or without our honor of him

Revelation 5:11-14

“There are no ordinary people, you have never talked to a mere mortal”
– CS Lewis *The Weight of Glory*

Romans 12:10 ESV

Ephesians 6:1-3 NIV

1 Peter 3:7 NLT

1 Timothy 6:1 ESV

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 NLT

Honor is at the center of the Godhead

A community of honor is one that value, respect, appreciation, acknowledgment, humility, generosity, and other-centered love freely flows between all members.

Ours is a culture of contempt

Definition of contempt... *The feeling that others are below you and worthless... throw in some anger and disgust, some arrogance, entitlement and ingratitude...*

Consequences of living counterculturally by honoring one another or by living according to our current culture of contempt:

- 1) **A culture of honor opens us up to blessing, while contempt closes us off from blessing**

“When we honor people, we get access to whatever people carry, if it's friendship, relationship, conversation, wisdom, prophetic ability, healing, discernment, wealth, resources, opportunities, whatever it is. When we dishonor people, we cut off ourselves from whatever it is they have to offer.” John Mark Comer

2) Honor brings out the best in people...contempt brings out the worst in people.

Proverbs 18:21

3) As a general rule people will live up to or down to the words you speak over them

What would it look like to begin to live this way? Honoring others...

Practical how to's:

- **Speak words of value over people (Be specific)**
- **Write a note to someone**
- **Public praise**
- **Gift a gift**
- **Make eye contact and listen to someone**

God is there anyone that I have dishonored?