

Four Eight:

Week One: Honor

Sunday, October 29 (After Party)

“And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise” (Philippians 4:8, NLT).

Our minds are powerful, and what we choose to focus on literally determines and drives our actions, moods and words.

“The secret conversations you hold in the privacy of your own mind are shaping your destiny little by little.” Tommy Newberry

- **How intentional are you about making sure your mind and thoughts are focused on good, right and godly things? Why is this so important?**
- **What’s one example from the past week where intentionally focusing on good and right things has helped you (respond better to someone, have a more joyful day, draw closer to God)?**
- **How does regularly spending time in God’s Word impact your ability to take your mind and thoughts captive? How important is prayer to this process?**
- **Based on today’s message, how would you describe honor?**
- **Why is demonstrating honor important? What role does it play in our living well for God?**
- **Would you say that you model honor to others (family, neighbors, co-workers, officials)?**
- **Think back over the past month. What’s one example where you honored God’s people? God’s process? Those whom God has placed in positions of authority over you?**

Monday, October 30

Proverbs 15:33

“The fear of the Lord is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honor.”

What does this verse convey about the importance of putting God first and valuing others?

Tuesday, October 31

Proverbs 20:3

“It is an honor for a man to keep aloof from strife, but every fool will be quarreling.”

How can/will you live out the instruction found in this verse as you go about your week? Will you draw on the words of this verse when you encounter controversy or a disagreement with another person arises?

Wednesday, November 1

Proverbs 21:21

“Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness and honor.”

What does this verse reveal about the relationship between doing what we know is right and having honor? Would you say that living rightly is a priority for you? Are you intentional about being kind to others?

Thursday, November 2

Proverbs 22:4

“The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life.”

Why is having humility necessary for us to have honor? Do you think about having or acquiring honor as a “reward” for revering God and making your service to Him a top priority?

Friday, November 3

Proverbs 26:1

“Like snow in summer or rain in harvest, so honor is not fitting for a fool.”

What does this verse reveal about the importance of having godly wisdom? How are you pursuing wisdom? Why is it important to regularly spend time with God through His Word and prayer?

Saturday, November 4

Review Philippians 4:8 and this week’s verses from Proverbs considering Paul’s instructions to take our thoughts captive and think about honorable things. How will you put what you’ve learned this week into practice?