

A Culture of Honor

1. The Truth About the Times in Which We're Living.

“Don’t be naive. There are difficult times ahead. As the end approaches, people are going to be self-absorbed, money-hungry, self-promoting, stuck-up, profane, contemptuous of parents, crude, coarse, dog-eat-dog, unbending, slanderers, impulsively wild, savage, cynical, treacherous, ruthless, bloated windbags, addicted to lust, and allergic to God. They’ll make a show of religion, but behind the scenes they’re animals. Stay clear of these people.”

2 Timothy 3:1-5 MSG

**“For the son dishonors the father and treats him contemptuously, The daughter rises up [in hostility] against her mother, The daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—
A man’s enemies are the men (members) of his own household.”**

Micah 7:6 AMP

**THE FOCUS IS ON GETTING HONOR—
NOT GIVING IT.**

2. GOD’S WORD IS COUNTER-CULTURE

For the commandment, “Honor your father and your mother,” was the first of the Ten Commandments with a promise attached: “You will prosper and live a long, full life if you honor your parents.””

Ephesians 6:2-3 TPT

“Honor the older women as mothers, and the younger women, treat as your dear sisters with utmost purity.”

1 Timothy 5:2 TPT

““You shall rise before the gray-headed and honor the aged, and you shall fear your God [with profound reverence]; I am the LORD.”

Leviticus 19:32 AMP

3. A WISE MAN'S EXAMPLE

“So Bathsheba went to King Solomon to speak on Adonijah’s behalf. The king rose from his throne to meet her, and he bowed down before her. When he sat down on his throne again, the king ordered that a throne be brought for his mother, and she sat at his right hand.”

1 Kings 2:19 NLT

- You’d better stand up.**
- You’d better bow down.**
- You’d better pull up a chair.**

-Standing Communicates Recognition.

Standings says, “I know who you are.”

Standing tells God, “I recognize who You have made this person to be in relationship to my life.”

Standing says, “I’m open to hear what you have to say.

God will not stand for a person who will not stand.

Bowing Communicates Reverence.

- Bowing says, “I know my place.”**
- Bowing says, “We are not peers.”**
- Bowing says, “I honor you with sincere humility.**
- Bowing says, “I have a lesser rank and I am not bigger than you.”**