

Honor Dimension- Honor-Space

Making space for honor in a culture of dishonor.

1 Peter 2:17 (ESV)

Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Mark 6:1-4 (NIV)

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. 2 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! 3 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. 4 Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor."

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.

HONOR

Honor builds up.
Believes the best.
Values

DISHONOR

Tears down
Believes the worst
Devalues

➤ Trust is EARNED but honor is GIVEN

Romans 5:7-8 (NIV)

⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- God doesn't say to trust everyone but He does say to honor everyone
- Respect and Honor are ours to give away
- To those we don't know well enough to trust (Police officers, teachers, people in general)
- Honor the emperor...at this time he was actually intent on destroying but honor created room for change (Constantine)
- Honor carries Kingdom influence

- When we withhold honor, there is no room for trust
- Honor is about what you decide not what they deserve
- “When you are honorable—I’ll treat you with honor.” When I ascribe to you honor—you often become honorable.
- The true test is can you honor someone from your heart when someone doesn’t give you a reason to honor their actions
- “They don’t deserve it!” Neither do you
- When we do this God honors us, because He is the true source of honor

I’m making the decision to live a life of honor not dependent on what others do to me but on what God has done for me.

- Whatever you honor MOVES in the direction of your LIFE

Mark 6:5-6 (NIV)

[Jesus] could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. 6 And he was amazed at their lack of faith.

- Lack of honor & faith limited what Jesus did!
- We miss out on great things in this life because we don’t honor
- Newlyweds honor but what happens later? We get familiar with people and treat them as ordinary. Ordinary marriage, classroom, relationship, employment? Why? Dishonor!
- Want the extraordinary? Honor!

What are you missing in your life because you are not honoring?

- Space that honors OTHERS begins with space that honors GOD

Psalms 22:23 (NIV)

You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

- Our culture treats God as common. “The man upstairs,” “The Big Guy,” “Jesus is my homeboy.” No! He’s the soon return, ruling, and reigning King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is the beginning and end. He’s the Righteous One who shed His blood that we might live!
- When we see Him for who He is then we can honor others, we can see the gold in them.
- Our honor issue is with God. Let’s get it settled. We will be people who honor God in everything we do and we will honor others because they are made in His image.

- Honor makes SPACE for a fulfilled and HEALTHY life.

- **PARENTS**

Ex 20:12 (NIV)

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

- God put honor in the Top 10
- He wants us to get this as kids because the consequences of dishonor become more severe the older we get
- How can we honor our spouse, boss, others if we can't honor parents?
- "Yes sir" and "yes ma'am" is the ONLY response at our house when our kids are asked to do something. Old fashioned?? Old honor!

- **AUTHORITY**

Romans 13:7 (NIV)

Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe...respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

- Don't have to agree—honor the office or position (Teachers—Coaches—Boss)
- If you want to be over—you have to learn to be under.

- **PASTORS and CHURCH LEADERS**

1 Timothy 5:17 (NIV)

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

Matthew 10:41 (NLT)

If you receive a prophet as one who speaks for God, you will be given the same reward as a prophet. And if you receive righteous people because of their righteousness, you will be given a reward like theirs.

- Reason Amy and I can do what we do—you honor us as your pastors!
- Honor those who cares for your kids, those who open their homes in Connect, those who drive you on the golf car

Live It:

Fill the SPACES in your life with HONOR.

MODEL honor to the next GENERATION.

