

THROAT PUNCH

Pt. 3: Dishonor

Questions for further study and application:

- Day 1 Read Ephesians 6:2-3. Just as you are to show honor to God, you are to also show honor to your parents. When you're a child, being obedient is honoring to your parents; as a teen, being respectful is honoring. As you become an adult, these things are still important, but you may find that you may need to support them as they supported you when you were a child. They need care, love, and time with you. Show gratitude for all they have taught you, seek their wisdom, and provide for them as needed. If you had a challenging relationship with your parents, then forgiveness is the perfect way to show them honor. What can you do to honor your parents this week?
- Day 2 Honoring others seems to go against our natural instinct which is to honor and value ourselves above others. The Biblical meaning of honor is to esteem, value, or show great respect. When you show honor, you are giving that person the respect they deserve. Read Romans 12:10. This verse shows you that through the power of the Holy Spirit, you can show honor and respect to those around you. Honor is a gift that we are to give freely, with no strings attached, because it's the right thing to do. Take steps this week to show honor to other people in your life by putting their needs ahead of your own.
- Day 3 Bestowing honor on others extends to leadership. Romans 13:1-7, explains that God has placed people in positions of leadership, and they are in authority over us. Those in elected positions, whether it be the President, Congressman, or the local School Board official, they freely deserve honor. Your boss at work, show them honor. If you're a student, show your teacher honor. If you play sports, show your coach honor. Don't let familiarity and comfort with a person allow you to dishonor those God has placed in authority over you. All of those who represent leadership and those who are in authority over you are due your respect, your honor.
- Day 4 1 Timothy 5:17, tells us that we are to show honor to those who lead us spiritually; our pastors, other church leaders, and mentors. The more you value and give weight to those leaders in your life, the more you will get from your experiences with them. You are not to treat them as common or ordinary, but single out those who serve you. Show them honor by thanking them and telling them you value them. Send the pastor an email telling him how much you are growing spiritually, and growing closer to God through your worship experience. Give a note card to those who minister to your kids, let them know how much you appreciate the time they give to your children. Lift them up, encourage them, and pray for them.
- Day 5 Isaiah 29:13 says, these people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. We are to show honor, give it freely, and give value to those we come into contact with. Every day, you will find opportunities to show honor. Whether it's the server taking your order, your cashier at the grocery store, or the kid who has a summer job handing your order at the drive through window. From the school janitor to the President, each have value and are deserving of our honor and respect. As you go through your day, pause long enough to make eye contact with people you interact with. If you know it, address them by their name and use kind words. It can be that simple to show honor to people God is putting in your path.

What's New?

Our mission is to change the way people think about church. On Friday, June 22, and Saturday, June 23, each WEC campus will be partnering with an organization in their local city to serve in their community. Register for your campus at watersedgechurch.net/cityserverday.