GOOD NEWS
BAD NEWS

THE BLESSING OF HONORING GOD

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Obedience is honoring God.

Good News: God wants you to live a blessed life

- The blessings of finances.
- The blessings of integrity
- The blessings of clean speech
- The blessings of purity
- The blessings of generosity
- The blessing of obeying God's voice

Bad News: When we disobey God and His Word on these things we forfeit the blessings God desires us to experience.

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. - **John 14:23**

Whenever we choose to ignore God's ways, bad news is coming our way.

> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. - **James 1:22**
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> Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. - **James 4:7**
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> The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever. -**1 John 2:17**
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> Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. - **Joshua 1:8**
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> Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground. - **Psalm 143:10**

So, there are some conditional promises in the Bible.

> But the Lord God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden—17 except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die." - **Genesis 2:16–17 (NLT)**

Good news is the blessings are for all.

Bad news is that ignoring obedience or God's direction takes us out of the path of those blessings.

Some If /Then conditional promises

> If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. – **James 1:5**
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> How often do we pray for wisdom, and how often do we need it?
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> If we don't ask, we don't receive.
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> **Where do you need wisdom today?**

> If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. – **John 15:10**
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> Remain and abiding in Christ is the theme of John 15 and one of his final teachings.
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> **John 15.1-3**
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> Here is the key: if we obey, we abide and remain. Jesus was our example.
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> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **– 1 John 1:9**
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> This promise and principle is packed with good news; the bad news is our practice of not taking this literally.
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> If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him. – **John 12:26**
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> "Those who honor me I will honor those who dishonor me I will disdain." -**1 Samuel 2.30**

What does biblical honor look like?

To honor God means to obey, serve, and glorify Him in our thoughts, actions, and speech."

To be honored by God often means receiving His favor, recognition, and blessings, which can lead to greater access to His presence and purpose in life.

- Joseph honored God and was elevated to the second most powerful person in the world
- Mordecai honors God and God turns the tables on Hamman (Ester 6)
- David is honored and God grants a covenant with Him
- Peter is honored.
- Nathan is honored.

What decision or situation are you facing that needs the wisdom of God?

Father, please give me wisdom about

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We all fail God. Have you asked God to forgive you for a recent sin? Confess now and receive his promise of cleansing.

Where in life, work, family, finances, private choices could you honor the Lord even more?

Father help me honor you more in:

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