

Honor in the Family

Honor means to: Value, Appreciate, Esteem, Respect, and Regard

The Bible explains that when we withhold honor we receive partial or no rewards and that it hinders us greatly

Mark 6:2-4 NLT Hometown dishonor

“Jesus left that part of the country and returned with his disciples to Nazareth, his hometown. The next Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. They asked, “Where did he get all this wisdom and the power to perform such miracles?” Then they scoffed (mocked), “He’s just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And his sisters live right here among us.” They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him. Then Jesus told them, “A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family.” And because of their unbelief, he couldn’t do any miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them.”

Jesus could not perform miracles because of lack of honor (Hardened Hearts)

They could not grasp that Jesus was the Messiah; He was one of their own! They treated Him as a common local

Mark 2:6-11 NLT Pharisees Dishonor / Man on mat Lowered

“But some of the teachers of religious law who were sitting there thought to themselves, “What is he saying? This is blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!” Jesus knew immediately what they were thinking, so he asked them, “Why do you question this in your hearts? Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or ‘Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk’? So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins.” Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!”

We learn in these two situations that:

- (1) The people of Nazareth withheld Honor and received a partial reward
- (2) The Pharisees dishonored Jesus even in thought and received nothing.

Mathew 8:5-10 NLT Full Reward/Centurion Officer

“When Jesus returned to Capernaum, a Roman officer came and pleaded with him, “Lord, my young servant lies in bed, paralyzed and in terrible pain.” Jesus said, “I will come and heal him.” But the officer said, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed. I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, ‘Go,’ and they go, or ‘Come,’ and they come. And if I say to my slaves, ‘Do this,’ they do it.” When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to those who were following him, he said, “I tell you the truth, I haven’t seen faith like this in all Israel!”

Centurion Officer over 100 soldiers “The conquer speaking to one of the conquered!” Gives Jesus Respect and Honor!

He recognized the authority of God on Jesus

Jesus said I have found no such faith! He declared his faith the greatest He'd encountered! (More faith than John the Baptist!)

This Roman officer had Great faith and coupled it with honor

His Servant was Healed (Full Reward)

Jesus takes the honor up a notch! Covers EVERYBODY!

Matthew 10:40-42 NLT

"Anyone who receives you receives me, and anyone who receives me receives the Father who sent me. 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. And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded."

Honor those in authority, peers, under our care or delegated authority

No one escapes!

1 Samuel 1:10-16 NIV Hannah Honored

In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly. And she made a vow, saying, "LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head." As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk and said to her, "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine." "Not so, my lord,"

Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the LORD. Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief."

In our society we would have been deeply offended! A piece of our mind!

1 Samuel 1:17-18 NIV

Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him." She said, "May your servant find favor in your eyes." Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

We learn a few verses over she became pregnant (Full Reward)

Romans 13:1 NIV

"Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves."

New Testament speaks to 4 divisions of delegated authority

- (1) Civil=Governmental
- (2) Church= Leadership
- (3) Family
- (4) Social=Employers, bosses, teachers, coaches, etc.

Three levels trusted to all of us

- (1) Those above us
- (2) Those on our level
- (3) Those entrusted to our authority

We are going to cover one today (Family)

Acts 20:26-27 NLT

I declare today that I have been faithful. If anyone suffers eternal death, it's not my fault, for I didn't shrink from declaring all that God wants you to know.

Family FULL REWARD

Children (We as Children)

Colossians 3:20 NLT

Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord.

Ephesians 6:2-3 NLT

"Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth."

Deuteronomy 27:16 NLT

Cursed is anyone who dishonors their father or mother. 'And all the people will reply, 'Amen.'

Genesis 9:20-29 NLT Noah and Ham

After the flood, Noah began to cultivate the ground, and he planted a vineyard. One day he drank some wine he had made, and he became drunk and lay naked inside his tent. Ham, the father of Canaan, saw that his father was naked and went outside and told his brothers. Then Shem and Japheth took a robe, held it over their shoulders, and backed into the tent to cover their father. As they did this, they looked the other way so they would not see him naked. When Noah woke up from his stupor, he learned what Ham, his youngest son, had done. Then he cursed Canaan, the son of Ham. We never hear Ham's name mentioned in a positive light

Noah's behavior wasn't Godly but it was God's to deal with, not the sons

We cannot blame our wrong behavior on the bad behaviors of other

God tells us to Honor our parents regardless of how good or bad they are in our eyes

Our Children**Psalms 127:3**

Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him.

Our kids are not our own there God's & we as parents are only stewards of them

Colossians 3:21 NLT

Fathers, do not aggravate (Irritate) your children, or they will become discouraged.

As parents we must value our children and treat them in a way that they will flourish in life.

The words of a father and mother weigh so heavy in a Childs life

Our children require frequent encouragement, direction and affirmation

They need to be told as well as shown they are loved and valued

Speak the Word (promises) over your children!

When we attack character instead of behavior we damage our children

Discipline

Proverbs 13:24 NLT

Those who spare the rod of discipline hate their children. Those who love their children care enough to discipline them. **NEVER IN ANGER**

When our children misbehave discipline swiftly and concisely

Carry no grudges or resentment

If we fail to discipline our children they will end up despising us

If we are too harsh in our correction they will resent (bitter) us

Proverbs 29:15 NLT

To discipline a child produces wisdom, but a mother is disgraced by an undisciplined child.

When we discipline well, love well, and honor our children well in obedience to God, we will see a Godly return! **FULL REWARD!**

Marriage**Ephesians 5:21 NIV**

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ

This looks different for the man and woman but requires submission from both

Ephesians 5:33 NLT

So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Wife's**Ephesians 5:22-24 NLT**

For wives, this means submit (Yield) to your husband's as to the Lord for a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husband's in everything. **Women=Church to follow Christ**

Romans 13:1 NIV Reference

There is no authority except that which God has established.

What if my husband is not honoring to me or saved?

1 Peter 3:1-2 NLT

In the same way, you wives must accept the authority of your husbands. Then, even if some refuse to obey the Good News, your godly lives will speak to them without any words. They will be won over by observing your pure and reverent lives.

Your honoring behavior will reach him not preaching

1 Peter 3:3-5 NLT

Don't be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes. You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God. This is how the holy women of old made themselves beautiful. They put their trust in God and accepted the authority of their husbands

Note: In some cases it may be necessary to exit the home if you or a family member is in danger

Separate from the situation to help the other see their actions (accountability)

The goal is for true repentance of the spouse and reconciliation of the marriage

You must honor even if you have separated from that spouse (don't bash)

Husbands

Ephesians 5:25 NLT

For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her Husband's=Christ who laid down His life

We as Husbands should value our wife's above ourselves

Ephesians 5:28-30 NLT

In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. And we are members of his body.

When we love our wife's we are actually (nurturing) feeding and caring for them

Colossians 3:19 NLT

Husbands love your wives and never treat them harshly.

1 Peter 3:7 NLT

In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.

To lead in the Kingdom is to serve not dominate (Jesus Servant Leadership)

Your prayers will be hindered! Your prayers won't be heard!

We can't judge motives that's God's responsibility

1 Corinthians 4:5 AMP

So do not go on passing judgment before the appointed time, *but wait* until the Lord comes, for He will both bring to light the [secret] things that are hidden in darkness and disclose the motives of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

How do we start fixing our families?

We start by forgiving those who have hurt us including forgiving ourselves!

Isaiah 43:25 NLT

"I—yes, I alone—will blot (spatter with a discoloring substance) out your sins for my own sake and will never think of them again.