



Honor & UNITY

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5-Day Devotional: Living in Honor and Unity

Day 1: The Foundation of Kingdom Honor

Devotional: Honor in God's kingdom isn't earned—it's given. Just as Christ "made himself nothing" and took the form of a servant, we're called to a radically different understanding of worth. Your value isn't determined by performance, position, or public opinion. You are created in God's image, redeemed by Christ's blood, and that alone makes you worthy of dignity. Today, reflect on this truth: God honored you first when you were still His enemy. He saw past your sin and deemed you worth dying for. Let this divine perspective reshape how you see yourself and others. You don't honor people because they've earned it; you honor them because God has shown you what true honor looks like.

Reading: Philippians 2:1-11 NKJV

Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reflection Question: How does knowing God honored you first change the way you view those who haven't "earned" your respect?

Day 2: Competitive Humility

Devotional: Jesus knew who He was—Lord, Teacher, God in flesh. He knew where He came from and where He was going. Yet He wrapped a towel around His waist and washed dirty feet. This is competitive humility: racing to be first in serving, outdoing one another in showing honor. The world competes for status; the kingdom competes in service. Today, look for opportunities to "outdo" someone in honor. Be the first to recognize someone's worth. Speak value into someone before they prove themselves. Serve someone who can't repay you. When you choose to honor others as Jesus did, you're not losing yourself—you're becoming more like Him. This isn't weakness; it's the strength of knowing your identity is secure in Christ.

Reading: John 13:1-17 NKJV

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself.

After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to

Him, “Lord, are You washing my feet?” Jesus answered and said to him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this.”

Peter said to Him, “You shall never wash my feet!” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.” Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!” Jesus said to him, “He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.” For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, “You are not all clean.”

So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? “You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

“Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

Reflection Question: Who can you "outdo" in showing honor today, even if they haven't earned it?

Day 3: Honor as a Preservative

Devotional: Dishonor works like bacteria on an open wound—it eats away at trust, removes joy, and leaves only bitterness. But honor acts as a preservative, protecting relationships from decay and maintaining the unity of the Spirit. When you withhold honor, you're not just avoiding someone; you're allowing rot to set in. Unity isn't the absence of differences; it's the presence of honor despite them. God commands blessing on unity, but unity must be actively preserved through lowliness, gentleness, and long-suffering. Today, examine your relationships. Where has dishonor created distance? Where have you allowed judgment to replace grace? Choose to honor —not because you agree, but because you value what God values. Preserve the unity that brings blessing.

Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6 NKJV

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with long-suffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Reflection Question: What relationship needs the "preservative" of honor to stop the decay of bitterness or judgment?

Day 4: From Woundedness to Wholeness

Devotional: Perhaps you've been deeply dishonored, and the wound still throbs. The pain has built walls around your heart, making it hard to trust or connect. Here's the gospel truth: while you were still wounded, Christ honored you. While you were His enemy, He died for you. His honor wasn't conditional on your worthiness—it was rooted in His character. Today, bring your wounds to the Healer. Let Jehovah Rapha apply His balm to your broken places. Forgiveness doesn't mean what happened was okay; it means you're releasing the poison so healing can flow. You cannot flourish while carrying infection. Let God's honor toward you heal the dishonor you've experienced. Then, from that healed place, extend honor to others—not from obligation, but from overflow.

Reading: Romans 5:6-11 NKJV

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Reflection Question: What wound from dishonor are you ready to bring to God for healing today?

Day 5: The Mark of True Disciples

Devotional: "They will know you are my disciples by your love for one another." Love isn't just emotion—it's expressed through honor and submission. When you choose to value others, prefer others, and dignify others, you're revealing whose you are. The world operates on earned honor; the kingdom operates on given honor. This is how people encounter Jesus through you—not because you're perfect, but because you've been with Him. Today, live as one who has been with Jesus. Let honor flow from you like a river. Give value before it's deserved. Speak worth into the overlooked. Serve the undeserving. This is the love that changes everything—the love that transformed you, the love that will transform your world. Just as Jesus is, so are you in this world.

Reading: 1 John 4:7-21 NKJV

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abided in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgement; because as He is, so are we in this world.

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us. If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who doesn't love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

Reflection Question: How will you demonstrate Christ's love through honor in a practical way today?

Closing Prayer: *Father, thank You for honoring me when I was unworthy. Help me to outdo others in showing honor, to preserve unity through love, and to be known as Your disciple by the way I value others. Heal my wounds, forgive my failures, and fill me with Your Spirit so I can honor as Jesus honored. In His name, Amen.*