

Big Idea

Showing Honor. First Peter 2:17 says, “Show the proper respect to everyone: love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.” We as Christians want to be known as a people who show honor and respect to all, out of a heart of love for one another and in obedience to God’s plan for mankind. In today’s sermon, Pastor Chris identified some groups we should show honor to:

Honor OTHERS. Every life is precious to the Lord.

Honor AUTHORITY. 1)Government 2)Workplace/School 3)Family 4)Spiritual. Romans 13:1-2

Honor PARENTS. Ephesians 6:2-3

Honor AGE. Leviticus 19:32; Job 12:12

Honor NATURE. Genesis 1:28

Honor GOD. 1) with our bodies 2) with our possessions

Scripture

- Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others. Philippians 2:3-4
- I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:1-4
- Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of your crops. Proverbs 3:9

Discussion Questions

- How has your own experience with authority impacted your ability to carry out the Biblical commands discussed in today’s sermon? Please share.
- What does it look like for you to show honor and respect to someone you may disagree with? Do you struggle in this area?
- What are some practical steps you can take this week to increase your honor and respect meter? Remember, we are blessed to be a blessing to others!

Prayer Focus

Father, I thank you that as part of your good plan for my life, you have placed me under authority. May I experience a revival of honor in my own heart and show respect at the highest level to others. Remind me to pray for those in authority over me every day, that they would seek Your face as they make decisions and be blessed. In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen.

Next Steps

Create an environment to spend time with God by finding a quiet place to sing and pray out loud. Ask God to teach you how to honor others, from the way He views them.

Leader Tip

Encourage transparency in your group. Share about a time that you struggled to give honor, maybe as a child/teen, employee, spouse...etc. What is God saying to you in this message?