

THE FORGOTTEN, RARE JEWEL IN CHRISTIANITY TODAY

- Honor is manifest respect
- Culture today dishonor and disrespect abounds
- God's promise: "He who honors Me, I will honor." - 1 Samuel 2:30
- Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another about yourselves. - Romans 12:10-11

# 7 AREAS GOD DIRECTS US TO HONOR

#### 1. God

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." - Revelation 4:11

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" - Revelation 5:12 "...that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him." - John 5:23

#### HOW DO WE HONOR GOD?

- Shouting
- Praise
- Worship

- Lifting Hands
- · Living excellent lifestyle -

Malachi 1:6-11

• Finances - "Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops." - Prov 3:9

 Taking care of our bodies - "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;"- 1 Cor 6:19

## 2. Governing Authorities

"Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor." - 1 Peter 2:17

"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. 2. Consequently, whoever rebels against the...

... authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. 3. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. 4. For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's...

...servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. 5. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. 6. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. 7. Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. - Romans 13:1-7

#### 3. Parents

"Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— 3. "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." - Ephesians 6:2-3

## 4. Marriage

"Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral." - Heb 13:4

#### HUSBANDS:

Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, 2. when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.

- 1 Peter 3:1-2

## WIVES:

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. - 1 Peter 3:7

## 5. Aged

"Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord." - Leviticus 19:32

"Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, 2. older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity."

- 1 Timothy 5:1-2

## 6. Church Leaders

 Honor
 "Showing respect for God by the way I treat those who represent Him." - Bill Gothard

"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching."

- 1 Timothy 5:17

"Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. 13. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other." - 1 Timothy 5:17

"Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41. Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and...

"...whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward." - Matthew 10:40-41

"But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town and in his own home."" - Matthew 13:57

#### HOW DO WE HONOR THEM?

- Pray and fast for them
- Heed their counsel
- Follow their lead
- Assist them
- Serve them
- Remain loyal

#### 7. One Another

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." - Romans 12:10-11

"When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: 8. "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor..." - Luke 14:7-8

"But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests.

11. For all those who exalt themselves will be...

"...humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." - Luke 14:10-11

"Then this city will bring me renown, joy, praise and honor before all nations on earth that hear of all the good things I do for it; and they will be in awe and will tremble at the abundant prosperity and peace I provide for it." - Jeremiah 33:9

# WILL YOU HONOR GOD IN THIS LOCAL CHURCH BY HELPING DEVELOP A CULTURE OF HONOR?