

Title: A culture of honour
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1) Defining honour

- Synonyms: esteem, respect, pay homage to, assigning value to.
- Greek (timao): to prize, i.e. fix a valuation upon; by implication, to revere (Strong's Concordance).

2) Who should be honoured?

- parents (**exodus 20:12**)
- spouses (**1 peter 3:7**)
- widows (**1 timothy 5:3**)
- spiritual leaders (**1 timothy 5:17**)
- governing authorities (**1 peter 2:17**)
- all people (**philippians 2:3**)

3) Honour the gifts of the Father

romans 12:3-10

³ For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.⁴ For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. ⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; ⁷ or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. ⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honour giving preference to one another

4) Honour the gifts of the Son

ephesians 4:1-3,7,11-13

¹ I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ² with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ³ endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

⁷ But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

¹¹ And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ

5) Honour the gifts of the Spirit

1 corinthians 12:7-10,21-28

⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: ⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

²¹ And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary.

²³ And those members of the body which we think to be less honourable, on these we bestow greater honour; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty, ²⁴ but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honour to that part which lacks it, ²⁵ that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. ²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honoured, all the members rejoice with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. ²⁸ And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

6) The secret to honour

proverbs 15:33

The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom, And before honour is humility.

proverbs 18:12

Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty, And before honour is humility.

proverbs 22:4

By humility and the fear of the LORD Are riches and honour and life.