

Honorable

A Culture of Honor

Example - When reminded that the Bible teaches us to honor our father and mother and then asked what the Bible has to say about our siblings, one little boy answered, "Thou shalt not kill."

Romans 12:10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

- Our God-given assignment is to create a culture of honor.

Note - Wisdom will do this! It requires intentionality! If you don't decide the culture of your life, home or business - someone will decide for you. (cultivate)

Proverbs 3:13-16, Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, 14 for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. 15 She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. 16 Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.

Note - It is a foolish thing to foster an atmosphere where people act dishonorably toward one another!

Example - Social Media, The White House Correspondents Dinner

- A culture of honor should include the least among us as well as those who lead.

1 Corinthians 12:21-23, The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor.

James 2:1-4, My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism. 2 Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. 3 If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my

feet," 4 have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

Quote - Show me the man you honor and I'll show you the kind of man you are.

1 Timothy 5:17, The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

Note - Parents who feel dishonored by your children should ask themselves, have I fostered a culture of honor in my home?

- A Culture of honor goes beyond lip service.

Example - Congressional settings and British Parliament
(The honorable Senator is an idiot! The gentleman from Pennsylvania is full of ca-ca!)

Mark 7:6, (Jesus) replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.'"

Note - Honoring someone beyond lip service requires praying for that person, encouraging that person, being considerate of that person and obeying that person if they are an authority figure in your life.

- A Culture of honor esteems the right people while refusing to honor undeserving people.

Note - In this day of political correctness, popular opinion would demand everyone gets equal honor - but this is a huge mistake!

Proverbs 26:1, Like snow in summer or rain in harvest, honor is not fitting for a fool.

Proverbs 26:8, Like tying a stone in a sling is the giving of honor to a fool.

Note - You cannot take giants down if your stone is tied in your sling!

Example - The controlling, mean-spirited pastor in our district who the district officials constantly honored.

2 Samuel 19:5-7, Then Joab went into the house to the king and said, "Today you have humiliated all your men, who have just saved your life and the lives of your sons and daughters and the lives of your wives and concubines. 6 You love those who hate you and hate those who love you. You have made it clear today that the commanders and their men mean nothing to you. I see that you would be pleased if Absalom were alive today and all of us were dead. 7 Now go out and encourage your men. I swear by the LORD that if you don't go out, not a man will be left with you by nightfall. This will be worse for you than all the calamities that have come upon you from your youth till now."

- A culture of honor removes any blockade that would prevent our ability to live in an honoring way.

2 Timothy 2:20-21, But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonor. 21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

Note - What are the vessels of dishonor? Criticism, prejudice, jealousy, etc.

- A culture of honor will also foster a culture of blessing.

Psalms 133:1-3, How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! 2 It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. 3 It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

Example - The African children's custom of bowing to elders.