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A People of Honor

Rom 12:10, 1 Tim 5:17, Rom 13:7

Intro:

Define Honor - high respect; great esteem.

Greek – “value, price, or cost”

Hebrew - "importance", "weight", "deference", or "heaviness", but primarily *kavod* means "glory", "respect", "honor", and "majesty".

- Honor is so important and so valued in the sight of God that he made it the key to opening his blessing over your life in every area of your life.

- Many ministers are never able to excel in the ministry. They were never able to climb higher in the Kingdom of God. In some cases, some of them don't even serve in the ministry anymore.

Some of them are not even saved anymore. In many cases their number one downfall was they did not know how to show honor. They would not give honor to whom honor is due.

-And sometimes we use the excuse that they are not worthy of my honor. It does not matter how my leader sees me, what matters is how I see my leader. It does not matter how my leader honors me, what matters is how I honor my leader. King Saul looked at David as his enemy. David looked at King Saul as his king.

1. Honor is the key to God's Provision in your life.

Prov 3: 9-10, Luke 4:16, 22-26, (cross reference verse 24 with Matt 13:57)

- The widow received provision in a famine not because she was the only one in need. Not because she was the only widow. She received provision in a 3-year famine because she honored the man of God enough to tap into the anointing on his life.

2. Honor is the key to God's Protection in your life.

Heb 13:17

- In the bible there are very few who walked with the kind of honor that David walked with. God chose David because of his passionate heart. When God said He is a man after His own heart, He was referring to 2 things about his heart. Passion and Honor!! He had rare spirit of honor.

- He honored his parents and his brothers, he never said anything dishonoring to them or about them. Because of David's honor for authority he flees the king rather than kill him. He could easily kill the authority that was trying to kill him but his honor for authority would not allow him. Therefore, no matter what came against him and no matter how many came against him they could not prevail because God protected him. God protected him because he refused to dishonor authority.

3. Honor is the key to God's Purpose in your life.

Genesis 37-48

- Joseph always honored authority even when the authority didn't honor him. This is what caused him to continue to rise to the top no matter what.
- Samuel served as a priest and a prophet in a time when certain leaders were making a mockery out of the office. Eli and his sons were wicked and evil. Samuel is serving them during their wickedness. Even though they were wicked and evil he still honored them because they were his spiritual authority. Therefore, because he could honor them in their wickedness but yet walk in holiness God used him mightily. To the point that he started the school of prophets and most of the great prophets you read of in the bible were raised up through his school of prophets.

4. Honor is the key to God's Power in your life.

Matt 13:54-58