

“Expanding the Kingdom Reach”

The Price of Honour

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Recap: Honour Defined

- **Dictionary:** Respect, esteem, or the reverence received, gained, or enjoyed by a person or thing; glory, renown, fame; reputation, and a good name.
- **Philosophy:** Honour consists in living up to the expectations of a group, in particular, in keeping faith, observing promises, and telling truth.

Recap: Honour Defined

- **Psychology:** Honor is an abstract concept that includes personal, individual values (“ethos”) as well as norms of social interaction (“code of behavior”). Honor is a measure of the quality of a person, including personal ethics, e.g., honesty, compassion, valor, and chivalry.
- **Biblically:** To give abundance, dignity, esteem, extol, glorify, magnify, majesty, praise, price, reverence, riches, splendor, value, venerate and worship, not just lip service but from the heart.

Recap: Hinderances to Honour

1. **Full of themselves:** Having a haughty spirit which leads to downfall. (Pro 18:3)
2. Familiar with Jesus: Judging after the flesh and not the spirit (mantle). (2 Cor 5:16)
3. **Family and Friends:** Moving and growing outside their circle and clique. (Matt 13:56)
4. Faithless Agnostics: Choosing to dishonor through offence and unbelief. (Matt 13:57)

“The value placed on someone, or something, will determine the level of the price paid in honour”

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Introduction

- **God** valued us so much that the price He paid, was Jesus His only son.
- **Parents** value us so much the price they pay is to provide, protect, be present and prepare us.
- **People** value us when they encourage, equip, empower us with opportunities to succeed.
- **We** value ourselves and things when we prize, pay the price and put our whole heart in.

Text: Matt 15:2-9

Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying,

² **“Why** do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread.” ³ **He answered** and said to them, **“Why** do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? ⁴ **For God commanded**, saying, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; Thus, ‘He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.’ ⁵ **But you say**, ‘Whoever says to his father or mother, “Whatever profit you might have received from me *is a gift to God*”— ⁶ then he need not honor his father or mother.’ **Thus**, you have made the **commandment of God** of no effect by your tradition. ⁷ **Hypocrites!** Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: ⁸ ‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with *their* lips, But their heart is far from Me. ⁹ And in vain they worship Me, Teaching *as* doctrines the commandments of men.’ ”

Four Lessons

1. Transgress
2. Traditions
3. The Commandments
4. The Hypocrite

Lesson 1: Transgress

1. Acting treacherously against the elders.
2. Being deceitful, faithless and offending to the elders' and their traditions
3. Coming against or to rebel against their directives, laws, policies and principles.
4. Departing and break away from the elders' traditions.

Lesson 2: Traditions

1. Sect of three Jewish Schools (*Essenes, Pharisees and Sadducees*) (Acts 15:5)
2. Strictest observers of the Mosaic Rituals (Acts 26:5)
3. Self righteous trusted in themselves and despised others (Luk 18:9)
4. Separate traditions (fast, washing, parents and sabbath) contrary to Christ (Matt 15:3)

Lesson 3: The Commandments

1. Charge a function, office and service to keep, safeguard and watch over.
2. Command is to appoint, ordain give, follow and take orders.
3. Injunction are authoritative orders given by God, prophets or leaders. (Mic 6:8)
4. Precepts are divine principles intended to guide our behaviour and belief. (Psa 19:8)

Lesson 4: The Hypocrite

1. Actor a person just playing a part on a stage.
2. Feign or fake person just pretending.
3. Godless a person who pretends to be a believer but being the total opposite way.
4. Pretentious for the purpose of deceiving or gaining some form of advantage.

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1. Address the sin (plank in the eye) in our own lives. (Matt 7:5)
2. Bring any culture, customs and or traditions in alignment with God's word. (Joh 15:5)
3. Commit to the commandments of God as the authority to live by. (Joh 15:7)
4. Desire to honour God in what they say and do in private and public. (Joh 5:44)

“He has honour if he holds himself to an ideal of conduct though it is inconvenient, unprofitable, or dangerous to do so.

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