

Genesis 3:6-7 [NIV]

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Genesis 3:21 [NIV]

²¹ Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

- The opinion **of the blood matters in our outfit** (how we cloth our physical bodies).

(Man prefers fig leaves and God prefers tunics of skin);

(Man prefers “apron” and God prefers to cloth us).

- **Isaiah 61:10 NIV**

¹⁰ I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

- **Job 29:14 NIV**

¹⁴ I put on righteousness as my clothing; justice was my robe and my turban.

Manifest Honor towards

The Body

1 COR 12:13-14 [NIV]

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form **one body**, so it is with Christ.

¹³ For we were all baptized by^[c] one Spirit so as to form **one body**—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

**We manifest honor towards
The Body when...**

We take time to identify people's gifts...

Acts 13:1-3 NIV

¹ Now in the church at Antioch there were **prophets** and **teachers**: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul.

² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me **Barnabas and Saul** for the work to which I have called them.”

³ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

...and are keen to the transitions...

- **Acts 14:14 NIV**

¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting:

...and the different offices.

Matthew 10:40-41 NIV

⁴⁰ “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.

⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

- If your sibling has been anointed for service in one of the 5-fold ministries, how will you address them during a family gathering?

- If your best friend has been anointed for service in one of the 5-fold ministries, how will you address them in a natural setting?

- If your biological child / child has been anointed for service in one of the 5-fold ministries, how will you address them during your time together?



- **Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah**

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, **“Who do people say the Son of Man is?”**

14 They replied, **“Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”**

15 **“But what about you?”** he asked. **“Who do you say I am?”**

16 **Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”**

17 Jesus replied, “**Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.**

18 **And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.**

19 **I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”**

20 **Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.**

Read 2 Kings 4:8-37

• **Jesus Greater Than Moses**

¹ Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest.

² He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house.

³ Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.

⁴ For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.

⁵ “Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house,” bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future.

⁶ But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

When we properly discern the Body.

- 1 Corinthians 11:17-22 (NIV)

1 Corinthians 11:27-30 (NIV)

27 So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

28 Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

29 For those who eat and drink without discerning **the body of Christ** eat and drink judgment on themselves.

30 That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.

When we use our resources to rescue the Body

• The Burial of Jesus

38 Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away.

39 He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds.

40 Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.

41 At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid.

42 Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Thereby, fulfilling prophecy.

Isaiah 53:9 (NIV)

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

**When we proclaim the Message of the Kingdom
instead of religion.**

Matthew 4:17 NIV

**From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom
of heaven has come near.”**

Matthew 24:14 NIV

**And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world
as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come**

When we address ourselves as Christians, yet do not properly represent.

Acts 11:26 NIV

²⁶ and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

The Rewards of Honor

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- **King Solomon [1 Kings 3:10-15]**
- **Queen of Sheba [2 Chronicles 9:12]**
- **Mordecai [Recognition / Position / Authority]**
- **Esther [Position / Influence]**
- **Ruth [Provision, Spouse & Legacy]**
- **Access [Your gifts will make room for you]**
- **Shunamite Woman [Access to solutions; answers]**

King Solomon - 1 Kings 3:10-15

¹⁰ The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

¹¹ Then God said to him: “Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice,

¹² behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you.

¹³ And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days.

¹⁴ So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

¹⁵ Then Solomon awoke; and indeed it had been a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

Queen of Sheba

-We could be full of promises however, the promises in our lives will never materialize until we engage and activate the principle of honor.

The name Sheba means **promise**, in Hebrew.

2 Chronicles 9:12 (NKJV)

¹² Now King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all she desired, whatever she asked, *much more* than she had brought to the king. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

Mordecai [Recognition / Position / Authority]

Recognition

Esther 2:19-23

Esther 6:1-11

Authority

Esther 8:1-2

Esther 9:29-32

Recognition - Esther 6:6-9 [NIV]

6 So Haman came in, and the king asked him, “What shall be done for the man whom the king delights to honor?” Now Haman thought in his heart, “Whom would the king delight to honor more than me?”

7 And Haman answered the king, “*For* the man whom the king delights to honor,

8 let a royal robe be brought which the king has worn, and a horse on which the king has ridden, which has a royal crest placed on its head.

9 Then let this robe and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king’s most noble princes, that he may array the man whom the king delights to honor. Then parade him on horseback through the city square, and proclaim before him: ‘Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor!’ ”

Authority - Esther 8:1-2 [NIV]

¹ That same day King Xerxes gave Queen Esther the estate of Haman, the enemy of the Jews. And Mordecai came into the presence of the king, for Esther had told how he was related to her.

² The king took off his signet ring, which he had reclaimed from Haman, and presented it to Mordecai. And Esther appointed him over Haman's estate.

Authority - Esther 9:29-32 [NIV]

²⁹ So Queen Esther, daughter of Abihail, along with Mordecai the Jew, wrote with full authority to confirm this second letter concerning Purim.

³⁰ And Mordecai sent letters to all the Jews in the 127 provinces of Xerxes' kingdom—words of goodwill and assurance—

³¹ to establish these days of Purim at their designated times, as Mordecai the Jew and Queen Esther had decreed for them, and as they had established for themselves and their descendants in regard to their times of fasting and lamentation.

³² Esther's decree confirmed these regulations about Purim, and it was written down in the records.

Esther [Position / Influence]

Esther 2:5-11

Esther 2:19-20

Esther 4

Ruth [Provision, Spouse & Legacy]

Ruth 1:16-18

Ruth 3:1-6 [Read entire chapter]

Ruth 4