

PARTAKE IN COMMUNION

We agree with Jesus Christ in Communion today that “honor towards our parents is a kingdom lifestyle”.

Actions

John 5:19 NIV

Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

Words

John 12:49 NIV

I don't speak on my own authority. The Father who sent me has commanded me what to say and how to say it.

Emotions

Matthew 26:39-42 [NIV] - **Gethsemane [Oil Press]**

³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

⁴⁰ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter.

⁴¹ “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

⁴² He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

MANIFEST HONOR TOWARDS PARENTS

Exodus 20:12 NKJV

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

Ephesians 6:2-3 NKJV

²“Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise:

³“that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”

Exodus 20:3-17 NKJV

³“You shall have no other gods before Me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; ⁵ you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. ¹¹ For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that *is* your neighbor’s.”

- The Bible does not instruct us to “love” our parents.
 - The Bible instructs us to “honor” our parents.
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- The Bible acknowledges love towards parents and children.

Matthew 10:37 NKJV

³⁷ He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

Noteworthy.

It is dishonorable to parents when we demonstrate love / honor towards them more than we demonstrate love / honor towards God our Father

The Hebrew word KAVOD means glory; weight, splendor, honor.

Synonyms of honor

- Dignified
- Distinguished

- Esteemed
 - Revered
 - Venerate
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This understanding reveals to us a few principles about honor...

1] Honor is an instruction from the Lord that requires obedience.

2] Honor towards a person is not based on how we feel about them. Rather, how we perceive them and how we recognize them.

3] Honor towards others will reflect our humility. To esteem another higher than ourselves means that we are not seen in the picture.

4] It is not possible to effectively honor without the love of God in our hearts. Love is the center of honor.

THE OUTREIVERS MINISTRIES

Some ways that we dishonor our Parents

- Through our words.
- Through our attitudes.
- Through disobedience.
- By not acknowledging them.
- By not diligently serving them.
- By speaking negatively about them to others.
- By thinking evil about them.
- By undermining their opinions.

- By despising them.
- By yelling at them.
- By insisting on having the final say whenever they speak to us or instruct us.
- By being ashamed of them.
- By not providing for them / showing care towards them.
- By not attending to their needs, rather, increasing their responsibilities.

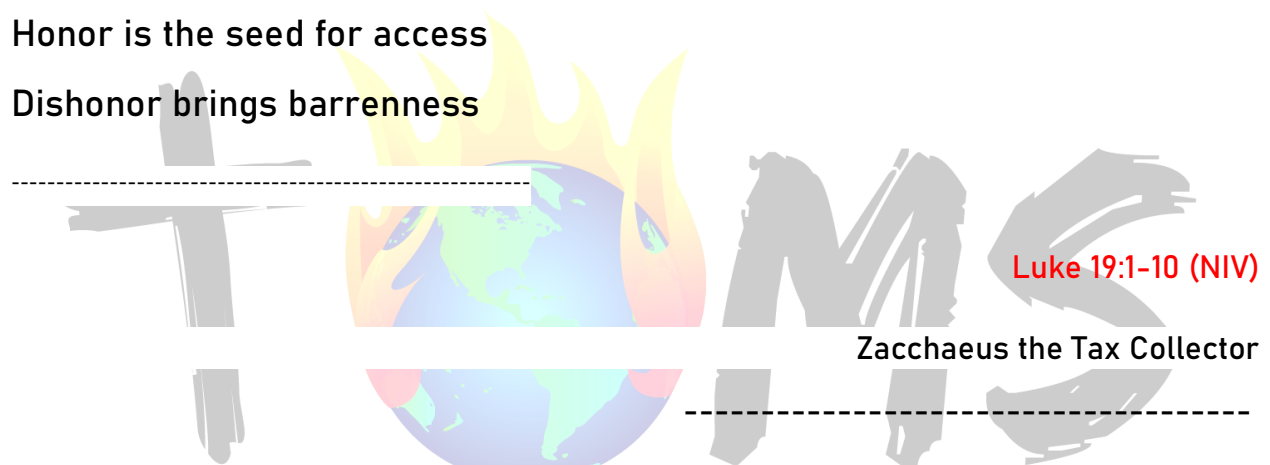
- Failing to obey their parents. [Ephesians 6:1](#)
- Cussing out their parents. [Colossians 3:8](#)
- Speaking evil of their parents. [James 4:11](#)
- Hitting their parents. [Exodus 21:15](#)
- Talking back to their parents [Psalm 52:2-5](#)
- Stealing from their parents/taking things without permission. [Exodus 20:15](#)
- Lying to their parents. [Proverbs 26:28](#)
- Rolling their eyes at their parents. [Proverbs 15:5](#)
- Sighing and huffing and puffing at their parents. [Proverbs 15:5](#)
- Walking away from their parents when the parents are still talking. [Proverbs 15:5](#)
- Yelling at their parents. [Psalm 52:2-5](#)
- Ignoring their parents when they ask a question or give instructions. [Proverbs 23:22](#)
- Being stubborn and rebellious. [Deuteronomy 21:18-21](#)
- Mocking their parents. [2 Kings 2:23-24](#)
- Acting one way at home and then act a different way away from home. [Matthew 15:7-9](#)
- Bringing shame on the family name (Social media posts, acting foolish, etc.). [Leviticus 22:31-33](#)
- Refusing to listen to their parents. [Proverbs 23:22](#)

- Sneaking boys or girls in the house without parents permission. Romans 13:2
- Refusing to care for their parents. Matthew 15:1-9
- Complaining and withholding gratitude from their parents. 2 Timothy 3:1-2; Philippians 2:14-15
- Loving their parents more than they love Jesus. Matthew 10:37

HOW CAN WE RESTITUTE HONOR BACK TO OUR PARENTS?

Honor is the seed for access

Dishonor brings barrenness



¹ Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through.

² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.

³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd.

⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."

⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.

¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

What is restitution according to the Bible?

The word Restitution is very biblical and it means both “restoring something to its original state” and “returning something to its rightful owner,” such as a public apology that leads to the restitution of a person's honor and reputation.

Restitution is a command, which all Christians and believers need to undertake. It is restoring what has been stolen, given back what was taken.

Begin the process of restituting honor towards your parents...

- It may require a public apology.
 - It may require giving an exceptional gift.
 - It may require public acknowledgement on your part that you need to step up your honor game.
 - Etc.
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When we retribute honor towards our parents, our honest actions will provoke them to release blessings towards us.

Genesis 9:18-29 (NKJV)

Noah and His Sons

¹⁸ Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham *was* the father of Canaan.

¹⁹ These three *were* the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.

²⁰ And Noah began *to be* a farmer, and he planted a vineyard.

²¹ Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent.

²² And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside.

²³ But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid *it* on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces *were* turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness.

²⁴ So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him.

²⁵ Then he said: "Cursed *be* Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren."

²⁶ And he said: "Blessed *be* the LORD, The God of Shem, And may Canaan be his servant.

²⁷ May God enlarge Japheth, And may he dwell in the tents of Shem; And may Canaan be his servant."

²⁸ And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.

²⁹ So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died.