



Wednesday, July 7th, 2021

Series: "Honor"

Sermon: "Honor in our Laboring, Leading, and Loving as the Church"

### HONORABLE OR DISHONORABLE LABORER OR LEADER?

Read 2 Timothy 2:14 - 26 (NKJV)

- Friends, Faith Partners we each have been giving the distinct privilege and \_\_\_\_\_ opportunity to: (1) \_\_\_\_\_, to (2) \_\_\_\_\_, and to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ as the Church.
- With this \_\_\_\_\_ opportunity, which comes daily from God, and regularly as Lord directs us to gather together as the Church, we get the pleasure and privilege to willingly, cheerfully, and faithfully supply our service, support, and our spiritual, monetary, and manpower sacrifices towards His Purposes and Plans with our \_\_\_\_\_, our \_\_\_\_\_, our \_\_\_\_\_, and our \_\_\_\_\_.
- One question we can derive from this passage of Scripture is: "What causes one laborer or leader to finish his or her course, calling, commitments, and causes with HONOR, while another's finished in DISHONOR?"
- Here are some of my suggested answers:
  - **HONOR:** is a person who - (1) Serves SELFLESSLY; (2) Lives free of SIN and SHAME; (3) Flees LUSTS and Lawlessness; (4) Pursues RIGHTEOUSNESS and purity; (5) Avoids foolishness, ignorance, and STRIFE; (6) Serves in FAITH, faithfulness, and LOVE.
  - **DISHONOR:** is a person who - (1) Acts selfish, lives SELF-CENTERED and is Self-serving; (2) Lavishes a life of SIN and SHAME; (3) Allows and accepts LUSTS, lewdness, and lawlessness in his or her life; (4) Enjoys and engages in DISPUTES, discord, disunity, and division; (5) Quick to fight and get into STRIFE - is divisive, disagreeable, and argumentative; (6) Serves and sows out of the FLESH, foolishness, and unfaithfulness.
- As a Called and Committed LABORERS and LEADERS we must possess and practice the daily discipline to:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> - Be a person of \_\_\_\_\_ (Righteous, Godly Morals, Honorable, Good Integrity)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Be somebody who is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Be someone who is \_\_\_\_\_.
- We each have a big choice to make every day: "Whether your day determines your \_\_\_\_\_, or if your \_\_\_\_\_ determines your \_\_\_\_\_."
  - Discipline is the gift you give yourselves, Discipline is a decision you make, not a feeling you feel.
  - **IF YOU WANT TO FEEL GOD AND FEEL GOOD YOU WILL ONLY SERVE GOD ONLY TWO DAYS A YEAR.** And that is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in Serving God!
  - Discipline helps us learn how to do our best even when we don't feel our best!
- Laboring and Leading with HONOR also means managing your \_\_\_\_\_ Equilibrium.
- **Romans 11:29 (NKJV)** - "For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable."
- **Romans 12:1 - 2 (NLT)** - "And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. <sup>2</sup> Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."
- How are you going to MANAGE your emotional equilibrium? (1<sup>st</sup>) By \_\_\_\_\_ Differently! What you \_\_\_\_\_ about you bring about and talk about. Feelings are controlled by our \_\_\_\_\_. (2<sup>nd</sup>) By Learning to Deal with Emotional Extremes - (1) People that EXPECT you to emotionally connect. (**Romans 12:15 - 16 (NLT)**) - "<sup>15</sup> Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of

- So, if we are going to **LABOR, LEAD, and LOVE** in a **God-Honoring way**, then we can't get and stay mad, frustrated, bitter, offended, and irritated at **PEOPLE**.
  - **Negative/Toxic Emotions INSIDE:** They eat at you, and they hurt you!
  - **Negative/Toxic Emotions OUTSIDE:** They eat others; and they hurt, hinder, and harm others.
- Laboring and Leading with **HONOR** means knowing the difference between \_\_\_\_\_, **COACHING**, and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - **COUNSELING:** You focus on the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - **COACHING:** You focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ improvement.
  - **MENTORING:** You focus on the \_\_\_\_\_.
- During Counseling you do the **TALKING**. During Coaching you do the **ADJUSTING** and **CORRECTING**. During Mentoring you do the **LISTENING** and **LEARNING**.
- **HONORABLE** Labors and Leaders are always their own best \_\_\_\_\_. Why?
  - **1<sup>st</sup>** - Because they depend on and look to the Holy Spirit within to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them (**1 John 2:20, 27, John 14:26**)
  - **2<sup>nd</sup>** - True Laborers and Leaders are **LEARNERS** and **READERS**. They are self-feeders! They enter ROOMS that make them BIGGER and BETTER. They come to Church to both **learn** and **help**!
  - Most people don't LEARN, they only RELEARN. Meaning they are not learning or growing at all.
- **HONORABLE** and God-honoring Laborers and Leaders have to \_\_\_\_\_ with distraction!
- **Joshua 23:6 (NLT)** - "So be very careful to follow everything Moses wrote in the Book of Instruction. Do not deviate from it, turning either to the right or to the left."
  - **RIGHT HAND:** Blessings and Honor; **LEFT HAND:** Problems and Difficulties.
  - *Either focus will distract and disrupt your growth, production, and progress!*
- **HONORABLE** Laborers and Leaders \_\_\_\_\_ how to be better at "WE" than "ME".
- People in today's culture have learned to be good at **ME**; but, if we're going to labor, lead, and love well - we have to be good at **WE**! (**Read 1 Samuel 14:7 (NKJV)** and **2 Samuel 7:3 (NKJV)**).
- **HONORABLE** and God-honoring Laborers and Leaders is \_\_\_\_\_ before it is **VERBAL**.
  - You can't be a Part-time Laborer and Leader! You are an **EXAMPLE**. We are **ACCOUNTABLE**!

**Proverbs 3:35 (NLT)** - "The wise inherit honor, but fools are put to shame!"

**HONOR**

**shame**

Words associated with Honor: Apostle, Ambassador, Dominion, Immortal, Righteous, Sanctified, Remembered, Royal, King, Kingdom, Priesthood, Anointed, Chosen, Heirs, Conquer, Majesty, Ring, Robe, Reign, Holy, Clean, Better, Elect, Adopted, Pleased, Might, Beauty, Exalted, Throne, Renown, Fame, Inheritance, Offspring, Pleasing, Warrior, Greater, Great, Glorious, Name, Children, Loved, Beloved, Worthy, Praise, Authority, White, High, Glorify, Father, Son, Awesome, Worship, Power, Rise, Bright, Above, Glory, Honorable, Life, Blood, Respect, Overcome, Approved, Freedom, Raised, Highest, Over, Free, Lifted up, Bless, Family, Head, Right hand, Confidence, Blessed, Bless, Face, Friend, Right arm, Strong, Boast, Pride, Boasting, Boastful, Elder, Inside, Shame.

Words associated with Shame: Reviled, Cursing, Accursed, Cursed, Mocking, Humiliation, Naked, Spit upon, Weak, Ashamed, Dishonor, Imprisoned, Oppressed, Reproach, Crushed, Suffered, Fear, Death, Darkness, Blind, Persecuted, Sick, Byword, Forgotten, Despised, Rejected, Diseased, Unclean, Wretched, Smitten, Afflicted, Desolate, Impure, Slave, Younger, Outside, Least, Feet, Low, Lesser, Below, Alien, Gentle, Enemy, Under, Stranger, Fallen.

**HONOR Life Groups: (Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021) - 6:45pm - 8:00pm**

Notes and Takeaways from the Message on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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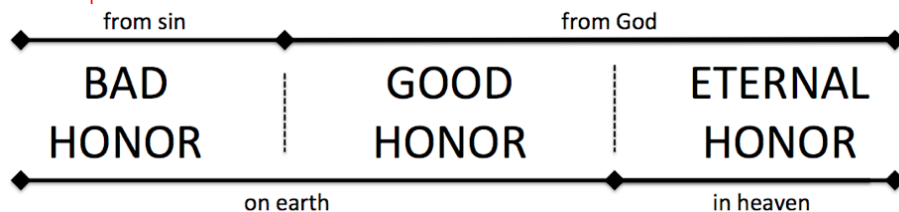
**Discussion Question #1:** Read 2 Timothy 2:14 - 26 (NKJV) and discuss your takeaways and things you learned from the Word and from last week's teaching?

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**Discussion Question #2:** How would you describe what our HONOR life or HONOR level and our HONOR walk of Laboring and Leading should be like as a member of the Body Christ and the Local Church based on the below Scripture and the below picture?

Romans 12:10 (TPT) - "Be devoted to tenderly loving your fellow believers as members of one family. Try to outdo yourselves in respect and honor of one another."



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**Read Below:**

1 Samuel 2:30 (NLT) - "Therefore, the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I promised that your branch of the tribe of Levi would always be my priests. But I will honor those who honor me, and I will despise those who think lightly of me." - This is God's **HONOR** Principle.

- **HONOR** is basically to give what's due. Honor is about how I treat you, not how they treat you.
- **HONOR** is more about my **CHARACTER** than your **CHARACTER**.
- **HONOR** is more about how I see and treat you than how you see and treat me.
- As born-again believers, we can't pick and choose who and what to **HONOR**. How we treat God, our Lord Jesus Christ, our leaders, bosses, pastors, and those around us is a reflection of our **HONOR Walk**. (Our

- Let's define **HONOR** a little further. The Hebrew word for "honor" is kabed. It literally gives us a picture of heaviness or weightiness. **"To honor" is to give great weight, importance, worth, and significance to something or someone.** On the contrary, the word dishonor gives us a picture of something 'light and trivial' - one of mist or steam.
- When you honor people, you are conveying and communicating to them that they hold a certain weight in your heart.** You are communicating to them that they are valuable to you. When you dishonor someone, you treat the relationship lightly, suggesting to them that they are neither valuable nor significant. This can be done many ways, but many times it is done through your body language, your attitude and dishonoring or disrespectful actions.
- Dishonor** stems from one's heart, and eventually reveals itself in one's actions. Remember, man looks at the outward actions, but God is looking at your heart. Do you honor those above you from your heart, or just with your words? Do you value their presence and wisdom? Take some time to think about what you can do to show honor toward them.
- Respect and Honor are magnetic.** It will attract people, while **Disrespect** and **Dishonor** will repel them.
- It will instantly draw towards you the object of your respect. Respect will give you entrance to intimacy in the lives of others. It will take you to secret places and relational connections where only a few are allowed to go.
- Showing respect towards others reveals a lot about your character. It reveals that you are a person of dignity and self-respect, for you cannot give something that you do not possess.** Being a respectful person shows that you place great value on the lives of others, and therefore, you are someone who can be trusted with the value you can possess. Without it, no marriage can stay strong, and no family can stay together. **Without respect, no employee can be promoted, and no relationship can grow.** The Apostle Paul stated, *"Out of respect for Christ, be courteously reverent to one another."* - **Ephesians 5:21 (NLT)**

**Discussion Question #4:** Review the below “Word Cloud” picture below listing the Biblical words of Honor (**Red**) and Shame (**Black**). Take some time and define, discuss, and describe how these words illustrate the distinction and difference of HONOR and DISHONOR.



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