

'BE AT HOME QUESTIONS' - Questions for Personal Reflection and Family/Friend Conversation

Message Title: Others: Honour God. Honour others. Today.

Scripture Source: Romans 12:10

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CONNECT:

When you hear the word 'honour', what thoughts come to mind?

ENGAGE:

A definition: 'honour: to hold in high respect, to treat with honour, a combination of liking and respect; to esteem'

1. We looked at two primary realms of expressing honour: God and others. How do we actually honour God in the flow of life...of your life and mine?

Some biblical direction: to Speak wisely and well of God, to render thoughtful response to God - faith and obedience in specifics. Consider Isaiah 66:2, Mark 7:5-9, Jeremiah 2:19: some of these verses tell of how people dishonour God...searching texts.

In what ways can you mature in honouring God in your daily life? What specifically needs to change...either to stop...or start?

2. How do we actually honour others in the flow of life...of your life and mine?

Some biblical direction:

- to Speak wisely and well of others in thoughtful ways. Consider Ephesians 4:29-32. Speak words that build up rather than dispirit. Check out Proverbs 12:18! Offer 'benedictions' rather than criticisms...in specifics that meets a real and current need. Remember our theme: Others: Reject Selfishness. Pursue Service. Our words can serve others in profound ways.
- Short Accounts are essential if we would honour one another. Ephesians 4:25-27 Friends, one of the most dishonouring and damaging things we do is to avoid the hard but necessary conversation. We honour each other by speaking as truthfully and graciously as we can, with God's help. illustrate: the damage of avoidance behaviours
- Show Respect in tangible ways. That could be a word of public affirmation when appropriate, a note, a call...something that 'marks a moment.' Illustration: volunteer appreciation evenings at RBC. Consider Romans 16: Paul specifically honours, with reason a whole host of people.
- Step Aside and let another be appreciated...share encouragement generously with others.

What might you add to the list of how to honour others?

One final note: Romans 13:1-2: we honour God by honouring those in authority over us.

RESPOND:

So, how might you mature in tangible ways to express honour to others? In your relationships, what do you need to let go off? Ephesians 4:31 God's Spirit can empower us and enlighten us on where we need to grow and mature in profoundly specific ways. Are you open to be taught by God? Are you ready to be honest about what you struggle with...in your relationship with God and others?

Are you open to confess to God dishonouring attitudes, words and actions?

Benefits to Honouring God and Others:

- strengthens relationships.
- reveals God's heartbeat to others.
- matures our character, enabling us to serve others more wisely and well. God is honoured, others are helped. Some are drawn to God's grace and truth as a result.