

ETERNAL PRINCIPLE OF HONOUR

A. INTRODUCTION

Honour is an age-old principle practiced in many cultures and religions of the world. This principle has many benefits for the one showing honour. As kingdom citizens the biblical practice of honour opens doors in the spirit and breakthroughs for dominion and rulership.

Honour – “high respect or esteem”

NT:5091 timao (tim-ah'-o); from NT:5093; to prize, i.e. fix a valuation upon; by implication, to revere: KJV - honour, value.

OT:3513 kabad (kaw-bad'); or kabed (kaw-bade'); a primitive root; to be heavy, i.e. in a bad sense (burdensome, severe, dull) or in a good sense (numerous, rich, honorable; causatively, to make weighty (in the same two senses):

OT:3519 kabowd (kaw-bode'); rarely kabod (kaw-bode'); from OT:3513; properly, weight, but only figuratively in a good sense, splendor or copiousness: -glorious (-ly), glory, honour (-able).
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To honour is equal to glory

JOSEPH

Joseph who is the antitype of Jesus in the Old Testament displayed levels of honour in his life that brought him into rulership. Our rulership on the earth is determined by the principle of honour. In our journey in life we give honour to whom it is due as we grow. Joseph displayed these levels of honour.

Honour to his Father (FAMILY)

Gen 37:13

13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers feeding the flock in Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." So he said to him, "Here I am."

NKJV

Even though Joseph knew his brothers hated him he said to his father “here I am”. This is honour shown for the father’s request.

Gen 45:23

23 And he sent to his father these things: ten donkeys loaded with the good things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain, bread, and food for his father for the journey.

NKJV

When Joseph revealed himself to his brothers after he had come into power in Egypt he did not forget his father. He sent gifts for him.

Gen 46:29

29 So Joseph made ready his chariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father Israel; and he presented himself to him, and fell on his neck and wept on his neck a good while.

NKJV

He went to meet his father at Goshen he did not wait for his father to come to Egypt.

Gen 48:9

9 Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me in this place." And he said, "Please bring them to me, and I will bless them."

NKJV

He brought his sons to his father to be blessed.

He honoured his master as a slave (EMPLOYER)

Gen 39:2-4

2 The LORD was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

3 And his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand.

4 So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority.

NKJV

Joseph was obedient and brought prosperity because of God grace over his life. He honoured his master by being a good slave

Gen 39:8-10

8 But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand.

9 There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"

10 So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her or to be with her.

NKJV

He honoured his master by refusing to sleep with his wife

Titus 2:9-10

9 Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters , to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back,

10 not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

NKJV

Honour in captivity (ENEMY)

Gen 39:21-23

21 But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing.

23 The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.

NKJV

Even though Joseph was a prisoner and falsely accused he showed honour to his captor who made him in charge. This opened the door to interpret the dreams of the butler and the baker that eventually brought him into power

Honour to appointed authority (GOVERNMENT)

Gen 41:14

14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him quickly out of the dungeon; and he shaved, changed his clothing, and came to Pharaoh.

NKJV

Joseph showed respect for governmental authority.

All these levels of honour brought Joseph into rulership.

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is the pattern son for us the church. He showed honour at different levels which is a pattern for us as "sons of God"

Honour to his parents

Luke 2:51-52

Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

NKJV

Honour to the laws of the land

27 Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you."

NKJV

Luke 20:22-25

22 Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

23 But He perceived their craftiness, and said to them, "Why do you test Me?

24 Show Me a denarius. Whose image and inscription does it have?" They answered and said, "Caesar's."

25 And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

NKJV

Honour for the religious order

Luke 7:36

Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat.

NKJV

Jesus showed honour by not refusing to eat at the Pharisee's house

Honour for the common man

Matt 9:10

10 Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples.

NKJV

Jesus showed honour for the common man by eating with them. This respect allowed him to have influence over them.

Honour to the Father

John 8:49

49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me.

NKJV

Luke 22:42

42 saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."

NKJV

B. HONOUR DUE TO PARENTS

Exod 20:12

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.(NKJ)

Deut 5:16

'Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.(NKJ)

Eph 6:1-3

1Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

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."(NKJ)

Benefits

- Well with YOU (Prosperity)

OT:3190 yatab (yaw-tab'); a primitive root; to be (causative) make well, literally (sound, beautiful) or figuratively (happy, successful, right):

KJV - be accepted, amend, use aright, benefit, be (make) better, seem best, make cheerful, be comely, be content, diligent (-ly), dress, earnestly, find favour, give, be glad, do (be, make) good ([-ness]), be (make) merry, please (+well), shew more [kindness], skilfully, very small, surely, make sweet, thoroughly, tire, trim, very, be (can, deal, entreat, go, have) well [said, seen].

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- Live LONG on the earth

In order to have dominion on the earth we must live a long life. Honour to our parents will extend our life on the earth.

Deut 27:16

'Cursed is the one who treats his father or his mother with contempt (despise, lightly esteem).' And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'(NKJ)

Ex 21:17

7 "And he who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

NKJV

Prov 20:20

20 Whoever curses his father or his mother, His lamp will be put out in deep darkness.

NKJV

Cursing your parent's means your spirit will be in darkness.

Examples of curses for dishonouring parents:

1. HAM

Gen 9:22

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

NKJV

Gen 9:24-25

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."

NKJV

2. ABSALOM
3. REUBEN AND BILHAH
4. JACOB IN STEALING THE BIRTHRIGHT
5. PRODIGAL SON
6. ADONIJAH
7. LOTS SONS – IN – LAW

Gen 19:14

So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, "Get up, get out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city!" But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be joking.(NKJ)

8. LOTS DAUGHTERS

Gen 19:31-38

31Now the firstborn said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is no man on the earth to come in to us as is the custom of all the earth.

32"Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve the lineage of our father."

33So they made their father drink wine that night. And the firstborn went in and lay with her father, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

34It happened on the next day that the firstborn said to the younger, "Indeed I lay with my father last night; let us make him drink wine tonight also, and you go in and lie with him, that we may preserve the lineage of our father."

35Then they made their father drink wine that night also. And the younger arose and lay with him, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

36Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father.

37The firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab; he is the father of the Moabites to this day.

38And the younger, she also bore a son and called his name Ben-Ammi; he is the father of the people of Ammon to this day.(NKJ)

9. ELI'S SONS

1 Sam 2:12-13

12Now the sons of Eli were corrupt; they did not know the LORD.

13And the priests' custom with the people was that when any man offered a sacrifice, the priest's servant would come with a three-pronged fleshhook in his hand while the meat was boiling.(NKJ)

1 Sam 2:22-24

22Now Eli was very old; and he heard everything his sons did to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

23So he said to them, "Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all the people.

24"No, my sons! For it is not a good report that I hear. You make the LORD'S people transgress.(NKJ)

10. SAMUEL'S SONS

1 Sam 8:3-5

3But his sons did not walk in his ways; they turned aside after dishonest gain, took bribes, and perverted justice.

4Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah,

5and said to him, "Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations."(NKJ)

Examples of obedience and honour:

Lev 19:3

3'Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and keep My Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God.

NKJV

1. ISAAC OBEYED HIS FATHER BY REMAINING ON THE ALTAR.

Abraham's faith and Isaac's obedience caused the Ram to appear. Jesus who is the lamb becomes Jehovah Jireh when we are obedient to our parents. We do not sacrifice our children, Jesus has become the ultimate sacrifice.

2. DAVID OBEYED HIS FATHER

1 Sam 17:17-18

17 Then Jesse said to his son David, "Take now for your brothers an ephah of this dried grain and these ten loaves, and run to your brothers at the camp.

18 And carry these ten cheeses to the captain of their thousand, and see how your brothers fare, and bring back news of them."

NKJV

Obedience to our parents is a pathway to kingship and dominion.

3. SOLOMON OBEYED HIS FATHER AND BUILT THE TEMPLE

Solomon followed his father's instruction in building the Temple. His obedience made him one of the richest and wisest men in the world.

4. JESUS PLEASED THE FATHER

Jesus is the King of kings. His only concern was to be obedient to the Father's will.

HOW TO HONOUR PARENTS?

Through OBEDIENCE and LOVE

1. Get their blessings for marriage

It is not good for those who get married without the blessing of their parents.

Judg 14:1-4

1Now Samson went down to Timnah, and saw a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines.

2So he went up and told his father and mother, saying, "I have seen a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines; now therefore, get her for me as a wife."

3Then his father and mother said to him, "Is there no woman among the daughters of your brethren, or among all my people, that you must go and get a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?" And Samson said to his father, "Get her for me, for she pleases me well."

4But his father and mother did not know that it was of the LORD-- that He was seeking an occasion to move against the Philistines. For at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.(NKJ)

Even though Samson wanted to marry a Philistine he wanted the blessing of his parents.

2. Speak to them with respect and love. DON'T GIVE ADVICE QUICKLY.

Job 32:6-7

6So Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, answered and said: "I am young in years, and you are very old; therefore I was afraid, and dared not declare my opinion to you.

7I said, 'Age should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.'(NKJ)

1 Tim 5:1-2

*Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers,
2 older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, with all purity.*

NKJV

Paul encouraged Timothy his spiritual son to honour older men and women by speaking to them with respect and love.

3. Take an offering to them daily

Gen 45:9-11

9"Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph: "God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not tarry.

10"You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you and your children, your children's children, your flocks and your herds, and all that you have.

11"There I will provide for you, lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty; for there are still five years of famine.'"(NKJ)

Gen 47:12

Then Joseph provided his father, his brothers, and all his father's household with bread, according to the number in their families.(NKJ)

4. If parents are unbelievers don't criticize. Pray for them and win them through your lifestyle.

5. Visit them regularly

6. Take care of them when they are sick.

Matt 8:14-15

Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever.

15 So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them.

NKJV

7. Get their advice regarding certain issues in your life – so they don't feel left out.

8. Show them love

Gen 46:29-30

29So Joseph made ready his chariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father Israel; and he presented himself to him, and fell on his neck and wept on his neck a good while.

30And Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face, because you are still alive."(NKJ)

9. Receive their blessings when they are old

Gen 27:1-4

Now it came to pass, when Isaac was old and his eyes were so dim that he could not see, that he called Esau his older son and said to him, "My son." And he answered him, "Here I am."

2 Then he said, "Behold now, I am old. I do not know the day of my death.

3 Now therefore, please take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me.

4 And make me savory food, such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die."

NKJV

Esau honoured his father's wish but was deceived out the blessing.

C. HONOUR DUE TO CHILDREN

Parents should honour, esteem and value their children.

MNEMONIC - "PARENTS"

P - PRAYER

A - AFFECTION

R - RESPECT

E - EDUCATION

N - NURTURING

T - TRAINING

S - SECURE THE FUTURE

PRAYER

Pray because it is effective and it pleases God. This is a sign of oversight and supervision. Praying for your children implies you value them and recognize the importance of divine intervention in their welfare. This duty does not devalue with age. BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO JESUS – IN PRAYER.

Phil.4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

HANNAH'S PRAYER

1 Sam 1:11-12

11Then she made a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head."

12And it happened, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli watched her mouth.(NKJ)

LITTLE CHILDREN BROUGHT TO JESUS

Matt 19:13-15

13Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them.

14But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

15And He laid His hands on them and departed from there. (NKJ)

THE SYROPHOENICIAN PETITIONED JESUS FOR HER DAUGHTER.

Matt 15:22-28

22And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."

23But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."

24But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

25Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

26But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

27And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

28Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire."

And her daughter was healed from that very hour. (NKJ)

Even though she was rejected and insulted she sought the Lord and received her request.

JAIRUS CAME TO JESUS FOR HIS DAUGHTER

Mark 5:22-23

22And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet

23and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live."(NKJ)

JOB PRAYED FOR HIS CHILDREN

Job 1:5

So it was, when the days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did regularly.

DAVID PRAYED FOR SOLOMON

1 Chr 22:7-13

7And David said to Solomon: "My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build a house to the name of the LORD my God;

8"but the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood and have made great wars; you shall not build a house for My name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in My sight.

9'Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies all around. His name shall be Solomon, for I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days.

10'He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son, and I will be his Father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.'

11"Now, my son, may the LORD be with you; and may you prosper, and build the house of the LORD your God, as He has said to you.

12"Only may the LORD give you wisdom and understanding, and give you charge concerning Israel, that you may keep the law of the LORD your God.

13"Then you will prosper, if you take care to fulfill the statutes and judgments with which the LORD charged Moses concerning Israel. Be strong and of good courage; do not fear nor be dismayed. (NKJ)

1 Chr 29:18-20

18"O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the intent of the thoughts of the heart of Your people, and fix their heart toward You.

19"And give my son Solomon a loyal heart to keep Your commandments and Your testimonies and Your statutes, to do all these things, and to build the temple for which I have made provision."

20Then David said to all the assembly, "Now bless the LORD your God." So all the assembly blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed their heads and prostrated themselves before the LORD and the king. (NKJ)

ABRAHAM'S PRAYER FOR ISHMAEL

Gen 17:17-21

17Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Shall a child be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?"

18And Abraham said to God, "Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!"

19Then God said: "No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him.

20"And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation.

21"But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time next year."(NKJ)

Ishmael, though inaccurate, became a mighty nation due to Abraham's prayer.

AFFECTION

1. LOVE

Titus 2:1-5

1But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine:

2that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience;

3the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things--

4that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

5to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.(NKJ)

2. PITY AND COMPASSION

Ps.103:13

As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear Him.

pities - racham

OT:7355 racham (raw-kham'); a primitive root; to fondle; by implication, to love, especially to compassionate:

KJV - have compassion (on, upon), love, (find, have, obtain, shew) mercy (-iful, on, upon), (have) pity, Ruhamah, surely.

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– VILE ACT OF SACRIFICING CHILDREN

II Ki 17:30-31

30The men of Babylon made Succoth Benoth, the men of Cuth made Nergal, the men of Hamath made Ashima,

31and the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak; and the Sepharvites burned their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.(NKJ)

Ezek 16:20-21

20"Moreover you took your sons and your daughters, whom you bore to Me, and these you sacrificed to them to be devoured. Were your acts of harlotry a small matter,

21"that you have slain My children and offered them up to them by causing them to pass through the fire?(NKJ)

Jer 32:35

And they built the high places of Baal which are in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire to Molech, which I did not command them, nor did it come into My mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.(NKJ)

– SOLD AS SLAVES

II Ki 4:1

A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the LORD. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves."(NKJ)

Neh 5:5

"Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children; and indeed we are forcing our sons and our daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters have been brought into slavery. It is not in our power to redeem them, for other men have our lands and vineyards."(NKJ)

– EATEN

II Ki 6:28-29

28 Then the king said to her, "What is troubling you?" And she answered, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son, that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.'

29 "So we boiled my son, and ate him. And I said to her on the next day, 'Give your son, that we may eat him'; but she has hidden her son."(NKJ)

Jer 19:9-11

9 "And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and everyone shall eat the flesh of his friend in the siege and in the desperation with which their enemies and those who seek their lives shall drive them to despair."

10 "Then you shall break the flask in the sight of the men who go with you,

11 "and say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Even so I will break this people and this city, as one breaks a potter's vessel, which cannot be made whole again; and they shall bury them in Tophet till there is no place to bury."(NKJ)

– ABANDONMENT

Isa 49:15

"Can a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you.(NKJ)

IKing 3:26

26 Then the woman whose son was living spoke to the king, for she yearned with compassion for her son; and she said, "O my lord, give her the living child, and by no means kill him!" But the other said, "Let him be neither mine nor yours, but divide him."(NKJ)

RESPECT

Eph 6:4

And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. (NKJ)

Col 3:21

Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.(NKJ)

David provoked Absalom by failing to discipline Amnon.

Saul dishonoured Jonathan.

1 Sam 20:30-34

30 Then Saul's anger was aroused against Jonathan, and he said to him, "You son of a perverse, rebellious woman! Do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of your mother's nakedness?"

31 "For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, you shall not be established, nor your kingdom. Now therefore, send and bring him to me, for he shall surely die."

32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said to him, "Why should he be killed? What has he done?"

33 Then Saul cast a spear at him to kill him, by which Jonathan knew that it was determined by his father to kill David.

34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and ate no food the second day of the month, for he was grieved for David, because his father had treated him shamefully. (NKJ)

Respect is earned from children. When you treat them with respect, they will respect you.

EDUCATION

Impart knowledge to our children through education

Deut 6:7

"You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.(NKJ)

Deut 11:19-21

19" You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

20" And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,

21" that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth.(NKJ)

Deut 32:46

46 and He said to them: "Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe-- all the words of this law.(NKJ)

Isa 38:19

19 The living, the living man, he shall praise You, as I do this day; the father shall make known Your truth to the children.(NKJ)

Joel 1:3

3 Tell your children about it, let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.(NKJ)

Isa 28:9-10

9" Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts?

10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little."(NKJ)

Use of memorials to teach:

1. PASSOVER

Exod 12:25-27

25" It will come to pass when you come to the land which the LORD will give you, just as He promised, that you shall keep this service.

26" And it shall be, when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?'

27" that you shall say, 'It is the Passover sacrifice of the LORD, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.'" So the people bowed their heads and worshiped.(NKJ)

2. TWELVE STONES.

Josh 4:5-7

5 and Joshua said to them: "Cross over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and each one of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel,

6" that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, 'What do these stones mean to you?'

7" Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever."(NKJ)

Parents must use the table of the Lord to teach their children to remember the price Jesus paid for us on the cross. It is the duty of the parent to sit down and teach their children the statutes and ordinances of God. There should be set times in a home where spiritual truths like honour, giving, sowing, righteous acts, good works etc must be cultured into the next generation.

Jesus as a young boy was taken to the feasts

Luke 2:39-42

So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth.

40 And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

41 His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

42 And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast.
NKJV

NURTURING (GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT)

This involves provision and instruction with discipline and chastisement.

1. PROVISION

2 Cor 12:14

Now for the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be burdensome to you; for I do not seek yours, but you. For the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.(NKJ)

1 Tim 5:8

But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.(NKJ)

Prov 19:14

Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the LORD.(NKJ)

2. INSTRUCTION WITH DISCIPLINE AND CHASTISEMENT

Eph 6:4

And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.(NKJ)

Prov 13:24

He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly.(NKJ)

Prov 19:18

Chasten your son while there is hope, and do not set your heart on his destruction.(NKJ)

Prov 22:15

Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of correction will drive it far from him.(NKJ)

Prov 23:13

Do not withhold correction from a child, for if you beat him with a rod, he will not die.(NKJ)

Prov 29:17

Correct your son, and he will give you rest; yes, he will give delight to your soul.(NKJ)

ADONIJAH WAS NEVER REBUKED AT ANY TIME BY DAVID

If you love your children you will discipline them which involves:

1. What are you eating? – watch their diet – sweets and ice cream
2. What are you watching on TV, what MUSIC are you listening to?
3. What time do you go to bed? – this determines what time you are getting up. Sleeping time – strict bedtimes. Time management.
4. What are you talking about? - speech – developing language skills
5. How are you speaking to elders?
6. How are you dressing?
7. Are you on drugs?
8. Who are you associating with?
9. What are you reading?
10. What is your response to spiritual things and what do you believe?

TRAINING

This involves instruction and practice. The child learns by imitation. This implies that the parent must set a good example.

Prov.22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

It is the duty of the parent to point the way to go through example. Do not expect children to read and pray if they do not see you doing it consistently. If you expect them to be punctual lead by example.

Timothy was trained as a child because he saw transgenerational faith in God

2Tim.1:5

when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.

There must be incidental training that takes place. This is training on the field.

David was trained in the field.

1 Sam 16:11

11 And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep."

NKJV

He took care of his father's sheep - this caused him to learn leadership responsibility

1 Sam 17:17

17 Then Jesse said to his son David, "Take now for your brothers an ephah of this dried grain and these ten loaves, and run to your brothers at the camp."

NKJV

He took food to his brothers in war – learned how to take care of his brothers

1 Sam 16:19-20

19 Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep."

20 And Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine, and a young goat, and sent them by his son David to Saul.

NKJV

1 Sam 17:18

18 And carry these ten cheeses to the captain of their thousand, and see how your brothers fare, and bring back news of them."

NKJV

He took supplies for the king and the captain – learned how to honour respect leadership

It is the duty of the parents to train their children in the field:

1. Why we should not litter
2. Why must we recycle
3. Why we do not waste food, electricity, money etc.
4. Training to save and manage money (allowances, bank accounts)
5. Why we give tithes, offerings, first fruits, worship, speak in tongues etc
6. Why must we exercise our physical bodies
7. Why we do not call other race groups derogatory names (kingdom citizenship)
8. Why evolution is a myth
9. Why we are not flying away (rapture hoax)
10. What God expects of us (do good, live clean, be holy, have integrity)

SECURE THE FUTURE THROUGH INHERITANCE

It is the duty of parents to ensure that they secure the future of their children. This is through leaving and inheritance for them so that they could carry the legacy.

Jehovah as the Father of the nation of Israel brought them into a land that became their inheritance.

Num 26:51-54

51 These are those who were numbered of the children of Israel: six hundred and one thousand seven hundred and thirty.

52 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

53 "To these the land shall be divided as an inheritance , according to the number of names.

54 To a large tribe you shall give a larger inheritance , and to a small tribe you shall give a smaller inheritance . Each shall be given its inheritance according to those who were numbered of them.

NKJV

God wants us to inherit the earth

Ps 25:12-13

12 Who is the man that fears the LORD? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.

13 He himself shall dwell in prosperity, And his descendants shall inherit the earth

NKJV

Ps 37:9

9 For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth .

NKJV

Prov 13:22

22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.

NKJV

It is not an anointed man but a good man that leaves an inheritance for generations to come.

Prov 19:14

14 Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers,

NKJV

Father's leave houses and riches to their children. There is asset value and cash value that would secure the future of your children.

David's example:

1 Chron 29:26-28

Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

27 And the period that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years he reigned in Hebron, and thirty-three years he reigned in Jerusalem.

28 So he died in a good old age, full of days and riches and honor; and Solomon his son reigned in his place.

NKJV

David lived a full life with riches and honour. Most importantly he secured the future by leaving and inheritance to his son.

How do we leave an inheritance?

1. Life insurance, investments, unit trusts, bond insurance etc
2. Must own property or land
3. Make sure you have a Will with an appointed Executor
4. Don't leave your children with debt
5. Update your policies each year

D. HONOUR DUE TO THE HUSBAND

Eph 5:32-33

32This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

33Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.(NKJ)

Eph 5:33

Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.(KJV)

reverence - phobeo

to put to flight by terrifying (to scare away), put to flight, to flee, fear, to be afraid, to be struck with fear, to be seized with alarm, used of those startled by strange sights or occurrences, used of those struck with amazement, to fear, to be afraid of one, to fear (that is, hesitate) to do something (for fear of harm), to reverence, to venerate, to treat with deference or reverential obedience

HOW DOES THE WIFE RESPECT HER HUSBAND?

BY BEING SUBJECT TO HIM AS THE CHURCH IS TO CHRIST

Eph 5:22-24

22Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

23For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

24Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.(NKJ)

The wife is to be subject to her husband as the church is to Christ. Scripture prescribes this subjection even if the husband does not obey the word.

1 Pet 3:1-6

1Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,

2when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.

3Do not let your adornment be merely outward-- arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel--

4rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

5For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands,

6as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.(NKJ)

The husband is to be influenced by the conduct of the wife – not the preaching of the wife.

IF YOU CANNOT DO THIS DON'T GET MARRIED.

HOW DOES THE WIFE HONOUR HER HUSBAND?

Eph.5:31-32

31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

The relationship between Christ and His Church is typified in the Husband and Wife Relationship.

Rev.21:9b

...*"Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."*

The relationship between the church and Christ reveals how the wife and husband relate to each other.

MNEMONIC - "CHURCH"

The mystery of the church is seen in the following relationships that Christ has with his church

C - CARING RELATIONSHIP

H - HABITATIONAL RELATIONSHIP

U - UNITED RELATIONSHIP

R - REPRESENTATIVE RELATIONSHIP

C - CO-OPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP

H - HOLY RELATIONSHIP

CARING RELATIONSHIP

Eph.5:25,28-29

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it,

28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

1Tim.5:8

But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

This aspect of caring in the relationship is typified by the shepherd and sheep relationship.

1. JESUS IS THE SHEPHERD

John 10:11,14

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep."14 "I am the good shepherd; and I know my sheep, and am known by My own."

2. CHRISTIANS ARE THE SHEEP

John 21:16-17

16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." 17 He said to him the third time,

"Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep."

John 10:4

"And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice."

3. THE SHEPHERD CARES FOR THE SHEEP

1Pet.5:7

casting all care upon Him for He cares for you.

Matt. 11:28

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

John 10:11

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep."

In this metaphor the husband is the shepherd and the wife the sheep. The shepherd leads and the sheep follows. The wife must follow the husband. If he changes location – go with him. Give him the benefit of the doubt. This is the honour due to him. Note Jesus is the good shepherd. The husband must be a model of the good shepherd. KNOW ALL THIS BEFORE YOU GET MARRIED.

Ps 23:1-6

1The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2He makes me to lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside the still waters.

3He restores my soul; he leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

4Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

5You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

6Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. (NKJ)

If the husband wants the honour of being followed, he must align himself to the ways of the good shepherd.

HABITATIONAL RELATIONSHIP

Eph.5:30-31

30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

This aspect of the relationship is typified by the chief corner stone and living stones relationship.

1. JESUS IS THE CHIEF CORNER STONE

1Pet.2:6

Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."

2. CHRISTIANS ARE THE LIVING STONES

1Pet.2:5

you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Living stones (Christians) are bound together by love. There is no competition for positions as each stone knows its position. In this way the spiritual house is built. The husband is the chief cornerstone – the wife the living stone. The joining implies a living together. Husband and wife must live together – not one in Saudi Arabia and one in Durban. Economic reasons have orchestrated separation and marital discord.

UNITED RELATIONSHIP

Eph 5:28-32

28So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

29For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

30For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

31"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

32This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. (NKJ)

Gen.2:24

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Husband and wife are one flesh. The Hebrew word for 'one' is ECHAD which means UNITED. This is more than dwelling together. It implies a working together.

Unity means oneness

John 17:11

"Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.(NKJ)

HOW ARE THE FATHER AND SON ONE?

Unity has four demands:

1. ASSOCIATION

The Father, Son and the Spirit are in fellowship. Jesus said that He was in the Father and the Father was in Him. Unity demands association. There are many who are geographically close, profess Christ but refuse to fellowship with brethren. The starting point is fellowship. Unity of the spirit leaves unity in the philosophical realm. The husband and wife must fellowship with each other. We can live in the same home and drive together in the same car but not be in association with each other.

2. CHARACTER

The Father and Son are united in character. They have the same moral attributes. We must be one in character. Those who name the name of Christ must depart from iniquity. Husbands and wives must display the same moral attributes to each other. Respect for each other, act righteously towards each other, give to each other and love each other.

3. THEOLOGICAL ACCURACY

The Father and Son believe the same things. Marriage partners must believe the same thing.

Jesus said:

Matt 10:34-36

"Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.

35 For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law';

36 and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.'

NKJV

Couples must believe and practice the same doctrines to avoid division. There are many homes where either the wife or the husband are unbelievers. There must be theological accuracy in the marriage for unity to prevail. If the wife or husband disagree on doctrine, which is the truth of God's word, will not prevail in the household.

4. STATURE

The Father, Son and Spirit are perfect. There must be growth in the marriage leading to maturity. Husbands and wives must grow together in God's word. They should be listening, believing and practicing the same beliefs. This will bring maturity and growth to the marriage.

The aspect of the united relationship is typified by the vine and branches relationship.

John 15:5;7

5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit ; for without Me you can do nothing."..... 7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."

1. JESUS IS THE VINE
2. CHRISTIANS ARE THE BRANCHES

The branch must abide in the vine to be called a branch. According to John 15:2 the branch must be fruitful to remain in the vine.

REPRESENTATIVE RELATIONSHIP

Because they are one flesh - each represents the other.

Eph 5:28,33

28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

This aspect of the relationship is typified by the royal priest and high priest relationship.

1. JESUS IS THE HIGH PRIEST

Heb.5:10

called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizedek," HE REPRESENTS US TO THE FATHER.

2. WE ARE ROYAL PRIESTS

1Pet.2:9

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light;

Christians represent Christ to the world.

Matt.10:32

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will confess before My Father who is in Heaven."

Using the metaphor - husband is the high priest and wife the royal priest – the wife is to represent the husband.

Prov 31:12

She does him good and not evil all the days of her life.

(NKJ)

Prov 31:23

Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land.

(NKJ)

Wives should show honour to husbands by always representing him well.

How should the wife represent her husband?

- 1.) Speak positively about him to others
- 2.) Undergird his authority to your children
- 3.) Dress well to make him look good
- 4.) Serve him with dignity
- 5.) Don't uncover his nakedness
- 6.) Behave wisely, don't flirt
- 7.) Recognise his grace gift and support it.

CO-OPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP

Submission is an important aspect of the Husband and wife relationship

Eph.5:21-24

21 Submitting to one another in the fear of God. 22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

This aspect is typified by the Head and Body relationship

1. JESUS IS THE HEAD

Eph.5:23b

...Christ is the head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

2. CHRISTIANS ARE THE BODY - INDIVIDUALLY AND CORPORATELY

1Cor.6:15a

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? ...

Eph.5:30

For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

Col 3:18

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.(NKJ)

The husband is the head and the wife the body. The body submits to the head – thus the wife must submit to the head. So it is more than dwelling together and working together – the wife is to work under the husband.

HOLY RELATIONSHIP

Relationship between the husband and the wife cannot be shared with anyone else.

Eph.5:26-27

26 that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Eph.5:24

Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

This aspect of the relationship is typified by the bridegroom and bride relationship.

1. JESUS IS THE BRIDEGROOM

2. CHRISTIANS ARE THE BRIDE

2Cor.11:2

For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

Matthew 25 speaks of the parable of the Bridegroom and the Virgins.

Wise virgins = born again believers and Foolish virgins = hypocrites

Rev.19:7-8

7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

The husband is the bridegroom and his wife the bride. The bride has to be exclusive in her devotion to her husband. This is consecration to her husband. Off course this is mutual.

Summary of honour due to the husband

1. FOLLOW
2. LIVE WITH
3. WORK WITH
4. REPRESENT
5. SUBMIT
6. EXCLUSIVE DEVOTION

MICHAL'S FAILURE AS A WIFE

2 Sam 6:16

16 Now as the ark of the LORD came into the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.
NKJV

2 Sam 6:20

20 Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How glorious was the king of Israel today, uncovering himself today in the eyes of the maids of his servants, as one of the base fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!"
NKJV

2 Sam 6:22

22 And I will be even more undignified than this, and will be humble in my own sight. But as for the maidservants of whom you have spoken, by them I will be held in honor."
NKJV

- Michal is still regarded as the daughter of Saul; this is a failure in EXCLUSIVE DEVOTION
- She stands at the window when she should have been with her husband; this is a failure to WORK WITH and FOLLOW
- She despised David in her heart; this is a failure to SUBMIT to her husband
- She dishonours her husband in their household and maidservants; this is a failure to REPRESENT

The consequence of her action was bareness

2 Sam 6:23

23 Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.
NKJV

Prov 12:4

4 An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, But she who causes shame is like rotteness in his bones.
NKJV

Excellent which is **virtuous - chayil**

OT:2428 chayil (khah'-yil); from OT:2342; probably a force, whether of men, means or other resources; an army, wealth, virtue, valor, strength:

KJV - able, activity, (+)army, band of men (soldiers), company, (great) forces, goods, host, might, power, riches, strength, strong, substance, train, (+)valiant (-ly), valour, virtuous (-ly), war, worthy (-ily).
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The wife can be an army that will encircle and give strength to her husband or she will destroy him and bring shame to the marriage, which is rotteness to the structure of God's covenantal design

E. HONOUR DUE TO THE WIFE

1 Pet 3:7

Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.(NKJ)

Understanding/Knowledge

NT:1108 gnosis (gno'-sis); from NT:1097; knowing (the act), i.e. (by implication) knowledge:
KJV - knowledge, science.

NT:1097 ginosko (ghin-oc'e'-ko); a prolonged form of a primary verb; to "know" (absolutely) in a great variety of applications and with many implications (as follow, with others not thus clearly expressed):
KJV - allow, be aware (of), feel, (have) know (-ledge), perceived, be resolved, can speak, be sure, understand.

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Weaker Vessel

The wife is not lesser than the man. Weaker refers to lesser strength. Therefore you have Olympics for women and men as separate events. Do not think of her as weaker but give honour to her, as you would treat someone you think is weaker.

- Open the door for her
- Carry the bags
- Lift the weights
- Don't boast of your physical strength to her –like punching the wall.

Honour

NT:5092 time (tee-may'); from NT:5099; a value, i.e. money paid, or (concretely and collectively) valuables; by analogy, esteem (especially of the highest degree), or the dignity itself:
KJV - honour, precious, price, some.

NT:5099 tino (tee'-no); strengthened for a primary tio (tee'-o) (which is only used as an alternate in certain tenses); to pay a price, i.e. as a penalty:
KJV - be punished with.

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The honour and value is seen in the price that is paid for the bride

ISAAC

Gen 24:10

10 Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, for all his master's goods were in his hand. And he arose and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor.

NKJV

DAVID

2 Sam 3:14

14 So David sent messengers to Ishbosheth, Saul's son, saying, "Give me my wife Michal, whom I betrothed to myself for a hundred foreskins of the Philistines."

NKJV

JESUS

Eph 5:25

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, NKJV

We should follow the example that Jesus set in that He gave His life for His bride; the church. As husbands the honour due to the wife is to give her our life. This is shown in the two becoming one. It is the honouring of the marriage covenant that shows honour to the wife.

Although the wife is regarded as the weaker vessel there is equality in the relationship.

EQUALITY:

1. HELP MEET - PARALLEL

Gen 2:20

And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. (KJV)

“meet for him” – means parallel to. The woman was created equal to the man. The woman must work side by side with the man because she was taken from his side.

2. EQUAL DOMINION

Gen 1:26-27

26And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (KJV)

God created man in His own image and the image is male and female. God gave dominion to male and female. In marriage male and female become “him” – one flesh. Shift from the plural to the singular. Consider bone of your bone and flesh of your flesh.

3. HEIRS TOGETHER OF THE GRACE OF LIFE

1 Pet 3:7

Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered. (NKJ)

1 Cor 11:11-12

11Nevertheless, neither is man independent of woman, nor woman independent of man, in the Lord.

12For as woman came from man, even so man also comes through woman; but all things are from God. (NKJ)

4. SPIRIT POURED ON MALE AND FEMALE.

Joel 2:28-29

28"And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

29And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. (NKJ)

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE FIRST PEOPLE TO PREACH WERE WOMEN.

- Woman of Samaria first to preach to men
- Mary Magdalene first to preach to men

John 20:15-18

15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher).

17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'"

18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.(NKJ)

2. THE COMPANY OF WOMEN

Luke 24:1-2

1 Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.

2 But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.(NKJ)

Luke 24:4-11

4 And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments.

5 Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

6 "He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee,

7 "saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'"

8 And they remembered His words.

9 Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles.

11 And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them.(NKJ)

3. ANNA PROCLAIMING IN THE TEMPLE

Luke 2:36-38

Now there was one, Anna , a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity;

37 and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

38 And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

NKJV

WHY GIVE HONOUR?

Gen 2:22-25

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. 23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

(KJV)

1 Pet 3:7

Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.(NKJ)

IF HONOUR IS NOT GIVEN TO THE WIFE YOUR PRAYERS WILL BE HINDERED.

You may be wondering why you not getting that promotion or new car – how are you treating your wife.

HOW TO HONOUR YOUR WIFE?

1. SHOW RESPECT

Eph 5:23

For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.(NKJ)

The man becomes a husband when he respects his wife. Christ displayed His headship when he died for the church. Many men have to become husbands. Man is gender. You become a husband by conduct. The husband rules by serving with authority.

Respect includes:

LOVE

Eph 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,(NKJ)

Eph 5:28-29

28So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

29For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.(NKJ)

Eph 5:33

Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.(NKJ)

1 Cor 13:3-8

3And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

4Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

5does not behave rudely, does not seek its own(prefers the other), is not provoked, thinks no evil;

6does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;

7bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.(NKJ)

2. UNDERSTANDING

1 Pet 3:7

Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.(NKJ)

Understanding must be shown in the make of the woman.

BODY

Understand that your wife is different – she has menstrual cycles that affect the physical body. As the weaker vessel there are certain physical things she will not be able to do. When it comes to matters of sexual intercourse there must be an understanding from the husband and mutual consent. In order for the wife's body to be glorious it must taken care off. Christ was wrapped in linen and spices before He rose in His glorious body. The wife who symbolically represents the Body must be taken care off physically to show of the glory of her husband.

MIND

She also thinks differently:

Man

Man gets to the point
Man dresses quicker
Man wants ending
Man is destination conscious
Man wants sofa
Man wants blinds
Man wants duvet
Man likes concrete
Man wants car with spoilers
Man wants action

Woman

Woman takes long to get to the point
Woman dresses longer
Woman wants details
Woman is journeying conscious
Woman wants sofa plus cushions and throw
Woman wants curtains.
Woman wants duvet, pillows and cushions
Woman want garden
Woman want a car
Woman want conversation then action

SPIRIT SENSITIVE

Wives are sensitive to spiritual matters because of her emotional make up. It was the women who came to the tomb and not the disciples. They were expectant. The wife is the prophetic voice in the marriage.

3. AFFECTION

1 Cor 7:3

3 Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

NKJV

Be gentle and display feelings towards her. Showing affection has effects on her. Many husbands only look for defects.

Show your affection for her:

- Buy her flowers
- Give her an unexpected gift
- Take her for coffee alone
- Take walks alone
- Tell her how much you love and appreciate her
- Serve the wife with your authority

4. TRANSPARENCY

Gen 2:24-25

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

NKJV

The honour due to the wife is transparency. Be truthful with her. As much as she has to work with the husband there must be transparent communication about all things including:

- Money
- Work situations
- Ministry
- Critical decisions
- Health
- About the children

BENEFITS OF HONOURING YOUR WIFE

DAVID

David honoured his wives and was blessed by the Lord.

Michal

1 Sam 18:27-28

27 therefore David arose and went, he and his men, and killed two hundred men of the Philistines. And David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full count to the king, that he might become the king's son-in-law. Then Saul gave him Michal his daughter as a wife.

28 Thus Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and that Michal, Saul's daughter, loved him;

NKJV

Bathsheba

1 Kings 1:16-17

16 And Bathsheba bowed and did homage to the king. Then the king said, "What is your wish?"

17 Then she said to him, "My lord, you swore by the LORD your God to your maidservant, saying, 'Assuredly Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne.'

NKJV

David's prayers were answered

Ps 118:5

5 I called on the LORD in distress; The LORD answered me and set me in a broad place.

NKJV

Ps 138:3

3 In the day when I cried out, You answered me, And made me bold with strength in my soul.

NKJV

ISAAC

Gen 24:67

67 Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent; and he took Rebekah and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

NKJV

Isaac was prosperous because obeyed God and he loved his life

Gen 26:12-13

12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him.

13 The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous;

NKJV

F. HONOUR DUE TO THE GIVER

Acts 20:35

35 I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

NKJV

In order to receive honour you must be a giver. The Christian walk is one of sacrifices and giving.

Abraham who is the father of nations was a giver. We who are in Christ are Abraham's seed and heir's.

Gal 3:29

29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

NKJV

We ought to follow the example of Abraham in giving

1. GAVE LOT THE BEST OF THE LAND

Gen 13:8-9

8 So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren.

9 Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left."

NKJV

To receive honour as a giver we must give the best.

- a) Don't give old clothes that are torn and worn out
- b) Don't give shoes that have holes in them
- c) Don't give broken appliances
- d) Give your gift with excellence
- e) Give what you would want to receive

2. GAVE TO MELCHIZEDEK AND HIS FRIENDS

Gen 14:20-24

20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.

21 Now the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, and take the goods for yourself."

22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth,

23 that I will take nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich' —

24 except only what the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me: Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion."

NKJV

Abraham gave a tithe to the one that gave him bread and wine. Melchizedek is the King of Righteousness and Peace. We must learn to give to the representative of the Lord to show honour to the Lord. God honours the giver through His blessings.

Abraham also gave all the spoils to the King of Sodom so that he would not be made rich and be indebted to a foreign king. Our giving must deliver us from being held in bondage to worldly systems

The honour the Lord gave Abraham was to speak to him in a vision and become "I AM" to him

Gen 15:1

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.

NKJV

3. RECEIVED THE LORD (GUESTS)

Gen 18:6-8

6 So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead it and make cakes."

7 And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave it to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it.

8 So he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate.

NKJV

Abraham received the Lord with great excellence. We must know how to receive those who are representatives of the Lord with excellence. As we bestow honour to whom it is due God will bestow honour upon us.

4. GAVE HIS ONLY SON

Gen 22:10-12

10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

11 But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am."

12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

NKJV

Abraham was willing to give his only son. To test your giving ability God will ask for your "only" and best possession. Whatever you idolize God will ask for it. When you are willing to give that the arm will appear in the thicket. The ram has a horn used for pouring anointing oil. The ram's horn is also used as a trumpet. The ram is also a symbol of Jesus as the offering. When we give the "only" God honours the giver with His anointing, his voice and His grace.

5. GIFTS FOR REBEKAH

10 Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, for all his master's goods were in his hand. And he arose and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor.

NKJV

Abraham sent gifts for the bride for Isaac. God honoured him by giving him Rebekah for Isaac.

Abraham was blessed because he was a giver. God honoured him as giver by making him the Father of many nations. Through his seed all the nations was blessed.

REJECTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.(NKJ)

Rejecting a gift is rejecting the giver and ultimately a rejection of God.

The giver is honoured by:

- Accepting the gift
- Thanking the person for the gift
- Thanking God for the gift – AROMA TO GOD.

EXAMPLES:

1. Leather jacket rejected by a missionary.
2. Clothes rejected by recipient.

GIFT REJECTION

1. HANUN REJECTS DAVID'S KINDNESS

2 Sam 10:1-7

1It happened after this that the king of the people of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his place.

2Then David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father showed kindness to me." So David sent by the hand of his servants to comfort him concerning his father. And David's servants came into the land of the people of Ammon.

3And the princes of the people of Ammon said to Hanun their lord, "Do you think that David really honors your father because he has sent comforters to you? Has David not rather sent his servants to you to search the city, to spy it out, and to overthrow it?"

4Therefore Hanun took David's servants, shaved off half of their beards, cut off their garments in the middle, at their buttocks, and sent them away.

2. ESAU REJECTS HIS BIRTHRIGHT

Gen 25:31-34

31But Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright as of this day."

32And Esau said, "Look, I am about to die; so what is this birthright to me?"

33Then Jacob said, "Swear to me as of this day." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob.

34And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils; then he ate and drank, arose, and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.(NKJ)

Heb 12:16

lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.(NKJ)

3. DEMAS REJECTING SALVATION

2 Tim 4:10

for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica--Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia.(NKJ)

4. JUDAS REJECTS HIS MINISTRY

Acts 1:24-26

24And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen

25"to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place."

26And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.(NKJ)

5. NATION REJECTS THE MANNA

Num 11:4-6

4Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: "Who will give us meat to eat?"

5"We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; 6"but now our whole being is dried up; there is nothing at all except this manna before our eyes!"(NKJ)

Num 21:5-6

5And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread."

6So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.(NKJ)

6. REJECTION OF JESUS

Matt 27:20-21

20But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.

21The governor answered and said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They said, "Barabbas!"(NKJ)

John 19:15

But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!"(NKJ)

7. PRODIGAL RECEIVED THE GIFT AND DISCONNECTED

Luke 15:12-13

12"And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood.

13"And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.(NKJ)

LEGITIMATE GIFT REJECTION

1. NAMAAN AND ELISHA

II Ki 5:14-16

14So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

15And he returned to the man of God, he and all his aides, and came and stood before him; and he said, "Indeed, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel; now therefore, please take a gift from your servant."

16But he said, "As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive nothing." And he urged him to take it, but he refused.(NKJ)

2. PETER AND SIMON THE SORCERER

Acts 8:18-23

18And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money,

19saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

20But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!

21"You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God.

22"Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.

23"For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity."(NKJ)

3. DAVID AND ARAUNAH

2 Sam 24:21-24

21Then Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" And David said, "To buy the threshing floor from you, to build an altar to the LORD, that the plague may be withdrawn from the people."

22Now Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up whatever seems good to him. Look, here are oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing implements and the yokes of the oxen for wood.

23"All these, O king, Araunah has given to the king." And Araunah said to the king, "May the LORD your God accept you."

24Then the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.(NKJ)

4. DAVID AND THE WATERS OF BETHLEHEM

2 Sam 23:15-17

15And David said with longing, "Oh, that someone would give me a drink of the water from the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!"

16So the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines, drew water from the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate, and took it and brought it to David. Nevertheless he would not drink it, but poured it out to the LORD.

17And he said, "Far be it from me, O LORD, that I should do this! Is this not the blood of the men who went in jeopardy of their lives?" Therefore he would not drink it. These things were done by the three mighty men.(NKJ)

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT AND HONOUR

1. BARZILLAI

2 Sam 19:31-38

31And Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim and went across the Jordan with the king, to escort him across the Jordan.

32Now Barzillai was a very aged man, eighty years old. And he had provided the king with supplies while he stayed at Mahanaim, for he was a very rich man.

33And the king said to Barzillai, "Come across with me, and I will provide for you while you are with me in Jerusalem."

34But Barzillai said to the king, "How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem?"

35"I am today eighty years old. Can I discern between the good and bad? Can your servant taste what I eat or what I drink? Can I hear any longer the voice of singing men and singing women? Why then should your servant be a further burden to my lord the king?"

36"Your servant will go a little way across the Jordan with the king. And why should the king repay me with such a reward?"

37"Please let your servant turn back again, that I may die in my own city, near the grave of my father and mother. But here is your servant Chimham; let him cross over with my lord the king, and do for him what seems good to you."

38And the king answered, "Chimham shall cross over with me, and I will do for him what seems good to you. Now whatever you request of me, I will do for you."(NKJ)

2. DAVID AND ABIGAIL

1 Sam 25:18-35

18Then Abigail made haste and took two hundred loaves of bread, two skins of wine, five sheep already dressed, five seahs of roasted grain, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and loaded them on donkeys.

19And she said to her servants, "Go on before me; see, I am coming after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal.

20So it was, as she rode on the donkey, that she went down under cover of the hill; and there were David and his men, coming down toward her, and she met them.

21Now David had said, "Surely in vain I have protected all that this fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belongs to him. And he has repaid me evil for good.

22"May God do so, and more also, to the enemies of David, if I leave one male of all who belong to him by morning light."

23Now when Abigail saw David, she hastened to dismount from the donkey, fell on her face before David, and bowed down to the ground.

24So she fell at his feet and said: "On me, my lord, on me let this iniquity be! And please let your maidservant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your maidservant.

25"Please, let not my lord regard this scoundrel Nabal. For as his name is, so is he: Nabal is his name, and folly is with him. But I, your maidservant, did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent.

26"Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, since the LORD has held you back from coming to bloodshed and from avenging yourself with your own hand, now then, let your enemies and those who seek harm for my lord be as Nabal.

27"And now this present which your maidservant has brought to my lord, let it be given to the young men who follow my lord.

28"Please forgive the trespass of your maidservant. For the LORD will certainly make for my lord an enduring house, because my lord fights the battles of the LORD, and evil is not found in you throughout your days.

29"Yet a man has risen to pursue you and seek your life, but the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living with the LORD your God; and the lives of your enemies He shall sling out, as from the pocket of a sling.

30"And it shall come to pass, when the LORD has done for my lord according to all the good that He has spoken concerning you, and has appointed you ruler over Israel,

31"that this will be no grief to you, nor offense of heart to my lord, either that you have shed blood without cause, or that my lord has avenged himself. But when the LORD has dealt well with my lord, then remember your maidservant."

32Then David said to Abigail: "Blessed is the LORD God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me!

33"And blessed is your advice and blessed are you, because you have kept me this day from coming to bloodshed and from avenging myself with my own hand.

34"For indeed, as the LORD God of Israel lives, who has kept me back from hurting you, unless you had hastened and come to meet me, surely by morning light no males would have been left to Nabal."

35So David received from her hand what she had brought him, and said to her, "Go up in peace to your house. See, I have heeded your voice and respected your person."(NKJ)

3. ESAU HONOURS THE GIFT FROM JACOB

Gen 32:13-22

13So he lodged there that same night, and took what came to his hand as a present for Esau his brother:

14two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams,

15thirty milk camels with their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten foals.

16Then he delivered them to the hand of his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, "Pass over before me, and put some distance between successive droves."
17And he commanded the first one, saying, "When Esau my brother meets you and asks you, saying, 'To whom do you belong, and where are you going? Whose are these in front of you?'
18"then you shall say, 'They are your servant Jacob's. It is a present sent to my lord Esau; and behold, he also is behind us.'"
19So he commanded the second, the third, and all who followed the droves, saying, "In this manner you shall speak to Esau when you find him;
20"and also say, 'Behold, your servant Jacob is behind us.'" For he said, "I will appease him with the present that goes before me, and afterward I will see his face; perhaps he will accept me."
21So the present went on over before him, but he himself lodged that night in the camp.
22And he arose that night and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of Jabbok.(NKJ)

Gen 33:3-12

3Then he crossed over before them and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.
4But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.
5And he lifted his eyes and saw the women and children, and said, "Who are these with you?" And he said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant."
6Then the maidservants came near, they and their children, and bowed down.
7And Leah also came near with her children, and they bowed down. Afterward Joseph and Rachel came near, and they bowed down.
8Then Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company which I met?" And he said, "These are to find favor in the sight of my lord."
9But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself."
10And Jacob said, "No, please, if I have now found favor in your sight, then receive my present from my hand, inasmuch as I have seen your face as though I had seen the face of God, and you were pleased with me.
11"Please, take my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough." And he urged him, and he took it.
12Then Esau said, "Let us take our journey; let us go, and I will go before you."(NKJ)

4. ELISHA HONOURS THE GIFT FROM THE SHUNAMMITE

II Ki 4:10-17

10"Please, let us make a small upper room on the wall; and let us put a bed for him there, and a table and a chair and a lampstand; so it will be, whenever he comes to us, he can turn in there."
11And it happened one day that he came there, and he turned in to the upper room and lay down there.
12Then he said to Gehazi his servant, "Call this Shunammite woman." When he had called her, she stood before him.
13And he said to him, "Say now to her, 'Look, you have been concerned for us with all this care. What can I do for you? Do you want me to speak on your behalf to the king or to the commander of the army?'" She answered, "I dwell among my own people."
14So he said, "What then is to be done for her?" And Gehazi answered, "Actually, she has no son, and her husband is old."
15So he said, "Call her." When he had called her, she stood in the doorway.
16Then he said, "About this time next year you shall embrace a son." And she said, "No, my lord. Man of God, do not lie to your maidservant!"
17But the woman conceived, and bore a son when the appointed time had come, of which Elisha had told her.(NKJ)

5. PAUL HONOURED THE MACEDONIANS, EPAPHRODITUS AND ONESIPHORIS

- ONESIPHORUS

2 Tim 1:16-18

16The Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain;

17but when he arrived in Rome, he sought me out very zealously and found me.

18The Lord grant to him that he may find mercy from the Lord in that Day-- and you know very well how many ways he ministered to me at Ephesus.(NKJ)

- EPAPHRODITUS

Phil 2:25-30

25Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need;

26since he was longing for you all, and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick.

27For indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

28Therefore I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful.

29Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem;

30because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me.(NKJ)

- THE MACEDONIAN CHURCH

2 Cor 8:1-4

1Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia:

2that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality.

3For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing,

4imploping us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.(NKJ)

Phil 4:15-19

15Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only.

16For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities.

17Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.

18Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.

19And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (NKJ)

6. WISE MEN AND JESUS

Matt 2:1-2

1Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,

2saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."(NKJ)

Matt 2:11-12

11And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

12Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.(NKJ)

G. HONOURING THE ONE SENT BY GOD

THE CENTURION

Luke 7:1-10

1Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum.

2And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die.

3So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant.

4And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving,

5"for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue."

6Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof.

7"Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed.

8"For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

9When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"

10And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.(NKJ)

CENTURION

(sen-tu'-ri-un): As the name implies, hekatontarches or hekatontarchos, kenturion, Latin centurio, was the commander of a hundred men, more or less, in a Roman legion. The number of centurions in a legion was 60, that being at all epochs the number of centuries, although the number varied in the cohort or speira.

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The centurion was a man of authority. He had 100 men at his beck and call. As a Roman he had dominion – they collected taxes from the Jews. He declared he was unworthy for Jesus to come to his house. He declared it was an inconvenient for Jesus to come to his house. He recognized that Jesus had more important things to do with his time. He declared that Jesus was more important than him. He was not in the circle of Jesus' followers. HE CALLED JESUS LORD. The centurion's faith was the honour/respect he paid to Jesus.

1. ADMONITION TO HONOUR AND RESPECT AUTHORITY:

- a. We are to be subject to governing authorities and to render honour where honour is due.

Rom 13:1-7

1Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

2Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

3For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.

4For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.

5Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake.

6For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing.

7Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.(NKJ)

The Christians were under a despotic and not a democratic government. Paul asked them to submit. This submission of course is not absolute. In the case of the 3 Hebrew boys they disobeyed when godly principles were violated.

We disobey:

- When authority demands worship.
- When authority tells us to sin.

When rulers become a terror to good works we disobey. Nero became a terror to good works – Christians disobeyed.

- b. Prayer and supplications are to be made for those in authority.

1 Tim 2:1-2

1Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,

2for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.(NKJ)

2. THE UNGODLY REJECT AUTHORITY

- a. The unclean despise authority

2 Pet 2:9-11

9then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,

10and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries,

11whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.(NKJ)

- b. Rejection of authority is likened to the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah

Jude 1:7-9

7as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

8Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries.

9Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"(NKJ)

3. HONOUR THROUGH PRACTICAL LIFESTYLE:

- a. Obey the life saver

- b. Obey the doctor

Follow the prescribed treatment. Don't get a second opinion from your hairdresser.

- c. Obey the policeman

Pay the fine. Don't swear his mother – when he asks you if you had something to drink. Disrespect for authority will eventually catch up with you. Don't ignore summons. Eventually warrant of arrest – imprisonment.

- d. Respect the headmaster.

All authority comes from God.

We worship the ascended Christ.

Matt 28:18-20

18And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

19"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20"teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.(NKJ)

4. HONOUR IS EQUATED WITH FAITH

- a. The Centurion
- b. The Syro-Phoenician woman

Mark 7:24-30

24From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know it, but He could not be hidden.

25For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet.

26The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

27But Jesus said to her, "Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

28And she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs."

29Then He said to her, "For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter."

30And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.(NKJ)

Matt 15:27-28

27And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

28Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.(NKJ)

Jesus first gave her the silent treatment so she kept asking.

Jesus made a racially discriminative statement.

He implied she was a dog. The woman did not sue. She called him Lord.

THE WOMAN HONOURED JESUS BY NOT BEING INSULTED. JESUS CALLED THIS HONOUR FAITH.

- c. A woman in the City

Luke 7:36-50

36Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat.

37And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil,

38and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil.

39Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner."

40And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he said, "Teacher, say it."

41"There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

42"And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?"

43 Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged."

44 Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head.

45 "You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in.

46 "You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil.

47 "Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little."

48 And He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

49 And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

50 Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace." (NKJ)

She:

- Washed his feet with her tears.
- Wiped his feet with her hair
- Kissed his feet.
- Anointed his feet with fragrant oil

She honoured Jesus. Jesus called this faith. HER HONOUR TURNED JESUS TOWARDS HER.

d. The Tenacious Woman

Luke 18:1-8

1 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,

2 saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man.

3 "Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.'

4 "And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man,

5 'yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.'"

6 Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said.

7 "And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?

8 "I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" (NKJ)

Tenacity implies belief – belief is honour. Will Jesus find honour on the earth.

5. DISHONOUR IS A DENIAL OF FAITH

Peter's Faith

Luke 22:31-34

31 And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat.

32 "But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."

33 But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death."

34 Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me." (NKJ)

Mark 14:30

30 Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that today, even this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." (NKJ)

Mark 14:66-72

66 Now as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came.

67 And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with Jesus of Nazareth."

68 But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are saying." And he went out on the porch, and a rooster crowed.

69 And the servant girl saw him again, and began to say to those who stood by, "This is one of them."

70 But he denied it again. And a little later those who stood by said to Peter again, "Surely you are one of them; for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows it."

71 Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know this Man of whom you speak!"

72 And a second time the rooster crowed. Then Peter called to mind the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." And when he thought about it, he wept. (NKJ)

Peter denied the Lord three times. He dishonoured Jesus. Faith is honour. Jesus prayed that his faith will not fail.

6. THE NATURE OF HONOUR

- HONOUR CANNOT BE LEGISLATED.
- HONOUR CANNOT BE DEMANDED – IT IS GIVEN.
- HONOUR IS FROM THE HEART.

Mark 7:6

He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.' (NKJ)

7. LACK OF HONOUR PARALYSES THE ANOINTING

Jesus is the Anointed One

Luke 4:18-19

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed;

19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." (NKJ)

He was rejected by His own countrymen

Mark 6:1-6

1 Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him.

2 And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands!

3 "Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" And they were offended at Him.

4 But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house."

5 Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.

6 And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching. (NKJ)

Where there is no honour the anointing is paralyzed.

8. RECIPROCAL HONOUR

God honours those who honour him.

1 Sam 2:30

"Therefore the LORD God of Israel says: 'I said indeed that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.' But now the LORD says: 'Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.(NKJ)

9. HONOURING THE SENT ONE EQUALS HONOURING GOD.

Luke 10:16

"He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."(NKJ)

John 13:20

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."(NKJ)

Matt 10:40-41

40"He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

41"He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward."(NKJ)

10. PAUL TAUGHT HONOUR

All in the body are anointed – but not all have the same authority, grace maturity and function. The spirit of Korah claims co-equality and cannot render honour where it is due.

- Honour those like Epaphroditus who are selfless and sacrificial

Phil 2:25-30

25Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need;

26since he was longing for you all, and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick.

27For indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

28Therefore I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful.

29Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem;

30because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me."(NKJ)

- Honour those who labour and lead

1Thes 5:12-13

12And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,

13and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves."(NKJ)

- Honour those in leadership

Heb 13:7

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct."(NKJ)

Heb 13:17

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.(NKJ)

1 Tim 5:17

Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.(NKJ)

11. DAVID HONOURED SAUL – SONG OF THE BOW.

2 Sam 1:17-27

17 Then David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son,

18 and he told them to teach the children of Judah the Song of the Bow; indeed it is written in the Book of Jasher:

19 "The beauty of Israel is slain on your high places! How the mighty have fallen!

20 Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon-- lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

21 "O mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, nor rain upon you, nor fields of offerings. For the shield of the mighty is cast away there! The shield of Saul, not anointed with oil.

22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, and the sword of Saul did not return empty.

23 "Saul and Jonathan were beloved and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.

24 "O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet, with luxury; who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

25 "How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan was slain in your high places.

26 I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; you have been very pleasant to me; your love to me was wonderful, Surpassing the love of women.

27 "How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!"(NKJ)

12. HANNAH DESPITE THE INSULT CALLED ELI LORD.

1 Sam 1:14-16

14 So Eli said to her, "How long will you be drunk? Put your wine away from you!"

15 And Hannah answered and said, "No, my lord, I am a woman of sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor intoxicating drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

16 "Do not consider your maidservant a wicked woman, for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief I have spoken until now."(NKJ)

13. HOW TO HONOUR?

Mal 1:6-7

6 "A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am the Father, where is My honor? And if I am a Master, where is My reverence? Says the LORD of hosts to you priests who despise My name. Yet you say, 'In what way have we despised Your name?'

7 "You offer defiled food on My altar. But say, 'In what way have we defiled You?' By saying, 'The table of the LORD is contemptible.'(NKJ)

Prov 3:9-10

9 Honor the LORD with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase;

10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.(NKJ)

HONOUR DUE TO THE SENT ONE

BELIEVE HIM
IDENTIFY HIM
SACRIFICE FOR HIM
HONOUR HIM
OBEY HIM
PRAY FOR HIM
RECOGNISE HIS NEED FOR REST
IDENTIFY WITH THE VISION
COVER HIS NAKEDNESS
KIND TO HIM
SUPPORT HIM

Rom 13:7

Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.(NKJ)

BELIEVE AND FOLLOW /IMITATE

Elisha followed Elijah. Lot followed Abraham. Disciples followed Jesus. Timothy followed Paul

1 Cor 11:1

Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.(KJV)

1 Cor 4:16

Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.(KJV)

1 Cor 4:16

Therefore I urge you to imitate me.(NIV)

Phil 3:17

Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.(NKJ)

1Thes 1:6

And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,(NKJ)

II Th 3:9

not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us.(NKJ)

The legitimate father is an example to be followed. Do not tire him with the constant request for proof. He is human. At times he might miss God. This does not invalidate his call.

If you believe Him you will agree with the message – say Amen.

If you believe you will:

- Follow him
- Imitate him
- Agree with him. Don't make negative statements about him.

2 Chr 20:20

20So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper."(NKJ)

IDENTIFY HIS POSITION

1Thes 5:12-13

12And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,

13and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.(NKJ)

Heb 13:7

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.(NKJ)

Deut 34:9

Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.(NKJ)

Moses identified Joshua as the next leader publicly.

SACRIFICE FOR HIM

2 Sam 23:15-17

15And David said with longing, "Oh, that someone would give me a drink of the water from the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!"

16So the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines, drew water from the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate, and took it and brought it to David. Nevertheless he would not drink it, but poured it out to the LORD.

17And he said, "Far be it from me, O LORD, that I should do this! Is this not the blood of the men who went in jeopardy of their lives?" Therefore he would not drink it. These things were done by the three mighty men.(NKJ)

David's men spontaneously risked their lives to fetch water for David from the well of Bethlehem.

Phil 2:25-30

25Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need;

26since he was longing for you all, and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick.

27For indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

28Therefore I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful.

29Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem;

30because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me.(NKJ)

Epaphroditus risked his life to serve Paul.

Rom 16:1-4

1I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea,

2that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also.

3Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus,

4who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.(NKJ)

Phoebe, Priscilla and Aquila sacrificially served Paul.

HONOUR (RESPECT) HIM

1Thes 5:13

and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.(NKJ)

The Matt.18 protocol also applies for the set man. He is a leader and a brother and must be given the privilege due to a brother.

Matt 18:15-17

15"Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.

16"But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.'

17"And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.(NKJ)

- He must be given the privilege due to an elder.

1 Tim 5:19

Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two or three witnesses.(NKJ)

- He must be given the privilege due to a father.

1 Tim 5:1

Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers,(NKJ)

- He must be given the privilege due to a friend.

Prov 17:17

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.(NKJ)

Ps 35:14

I paced about as though he were my friend or brother; I bowed down heavily, as one who mourns for his mother.(NKJ)

Ps 41:9

Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.(NKJ)

NOTICE DAVID'S RESPECT FOR DEMONIZED SAUL:

1 Sam 24:5-7

5Now it happened afterward that David's heart troubled him because he had cut Saul's robe.

6And he said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the LORD'S anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD."

7So David restrained his servants with these words, and did not allow them to rise against Saul. And Saul got up from the cave and went on his way.(NKJ)

OBEY HIM

Heb 13:17

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.(NKJ)

II Th 3:14

14And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed.(NKJ)

Obedience is essential to fulfil the vision. Folk often want to obey God, but not the man he sends. This obedience must be IN THE LORD. Uriah the Hittite, erroneously gave David absolute submission – this allowed David to take advantage of him.

Josh 1:16-18

16And they answered Joshua, saying, "All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.

17"Just as we heeded Moses in all things, so we will heed you. Only the LORD your God be with you, as He was with Moses.

18"Whoever rebels against your command and does not heed your words, in all that you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and of good courage."

(NKJ)

PRAY FOR HIM

Heb 13:18

Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably.(NKJ)

II Th 3:1

1Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you,(NKJ)

1Thes 5:25

Brethren, pray for us.(NKJ)

RECOGNIZE HIS WORTH AND NEED FOR REST

2 Sam 18:3

3But the people answered, "You shall not go out! For if we flee away, they will not care about us; nor if half of us die, will they care about us. But you are worth ten thousand of us now. For you are now more help to us in the city."(NKJ)

2 Sam 21:17

But Abishai the son of Zeruiah came to his aid, and struck the Philistine and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, "You shall go out no more with us to battle, lest you quench the lamp of Israel."(NKJ)

John 4:6

6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

NKJV

IDENTIFY WITH HIS VISION

Acts 16:9-10

9And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

10Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.(NKJ)

The team took ownership of Paul's vision.

COVER HIS NAKEDNESS/PROTECT HIM

Gen 9:20-27

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

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

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

23But 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.

Gal 6:1

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.(NKJ)

DAVID REBUKES ABNER FOR FAILING TO PROTECT HIS LEADER.

1 Sam 26:14-16

14And David called out to the people and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, "Do you not answer, Abner?" Then Abner answered and said, "Who are you, calling out to the king?"

15So David said to Abner, "Are you not a man? And who is like you in Israel? Why then have you not guarded your lord the king? For one of the people came in to destroy your lord the king.

16"This thing that you have done is not good. As the LORD lives, you deserve to die, because you have not guarded your master, the LORD'S anointed. And now see where the king's spear is, and the jug of water that was by his head."(NKJ)

KINDNESS

– THE KINDNESS OF BARZILAI

2 Sam 19:31-32

31And Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim and went across the Jordan with the king, to escort him across the Jordan.

32Now Barzillai was a very aged man, eighty years old. And he had provided the king with supplies while he stayed at Mahanaim, for he was a very rich man.(NKJ)

– THE KINDNESS OF ABIGAIL

1 Sam 25:18

18Then Abigail made haste and took two hundred loaves of bread, two skins of wine, five sheep already dressed, five seahs of roasted grain, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and loaded them on donkeys.(NKJ)

1 Sam 25:27

27"And now this present which your maidservant has brought to my lord, let it be given to the young men who follow my lord.(NKJ)

– AHIMELECH PROVIDES DAVID WITH FOOD AND GOLIATH'S SWORD

1 Sam 21:6

6So the priest gave him holy bread; for there was no bread there but the showbread which had been taken from before the LORD, in order to put hot bread in its place on the day when it was taken away.(NKJ)

1 Sam 21:9

9So the priest said, "The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the Valley of Elah, there it is, wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod. If you will take that, take it. For there is no other except that one here." And David said, "There is none like it; give it to me."(NKJ)

Prov 19:22

What is desired in a man is kindness, and a poor man is better than a liar.(NKJ)

– JABESH GILEAD'S KINDNESS TO SAUL

2 Sam 2:5-6

5So David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh Gilead, and said to them, "You are blessed of the LORD, for you have shown this kindness to your lord, to Saul, and have buried him.

6"And now may the LORD show kindness and truth to you. I also will repay you this kindness, because you have done this thing.(NKJ)

SUPPORT

The set man deserves support so that he will not be distracted from his work. He must be able to give himself to prayer and the word without distraction.

Acts 6:4

"but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."(NKJ)

a. MORAL SUPPORT

AARON AND HUR

Exod 17:12-13

12But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

13So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.(NKJ)

Just as Aaron and Hur lifted up the hands of Moses, the set man needs people who will lift up his hands.

TYCHICUS, ARISTARCHUS AND JUSTUS

Col 4:7

Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me.(NKJ)

Col 4:10

Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with Mark the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him),(NKJ)

Col 4:11

and Jesus who is called Justus. These are my only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are of the circumcision; they have proved to be a comfort to me.(NKJ)

ONESIPHORUS

2 Tim 1:16-18

16The Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain;

17but when he arrived in Rome, he sought me out very zealously and found me.

18The Lord grant to him that he may find mercy from the Lord in that Day-- and you know very well how many ways he ministered to me at Ephesus.(NKJ)

b. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

1 Tim 5:17-18

17Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.

18For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer is worthy of his wages."(NKJ)

2 Tim 2:6

The hard-working farmer must be first to partake of the crops.(NKJ)

1 Cor 9:14

Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel.(NKJ)

14. HOW THIS HONOUR IS SHOWN?

- Be in the meeting before the pastor. They don't keep the pastor waiting.
- Ushers and the music team do their work with diligence.
- Someone makes sure that the water is ready at the pulpit.
- Someone gets the pastors notes and bible ready.
- Someone takes of his coat – when they see him attempting to remove his coat.
- In some churches the people stand when the pastor comes to the pulpit.
- The pastor is allowed his privacy. Every visit is an appointment.
- The people are there when the pastor calls a special meeting.
- The pastor should take a holiday.
- The people bless the pastor and his children and ensure that no one gossips about them.
- The people bless the pastor and his family with presents.
- They bring their firstfruits and Melchizedek tithes to the pastor.
- They make their pastor look good before guests.
- They pray for their pastor.
- Someone is appointed to stay near the pastor and know the signals of his needs during ministry.

All of the above must come from the heart because of honour due to the Sent One

THE END RESULT IS MULTIPLICATION OF GRACE AND ANOINTING. ALL OF THIS IS HONOUR AND NOT WORSHIP. THE MOTIVE IS WHEN YOU RECEIVE THE SENT ONE YOU ARE RECEIVING JESUS.

If you are a pastor's want honour then they must sow honour in a pastor's forum or gathering.

15. HONOUR BRINGS BREAKTHROUGH AND DOMINION

1 Sam 2:30

"Therefore the LORD God of Israel says: 'I said indeed that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.' But now the LORD says: 'Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.'(NKJ)

You honour the Lord by honouring the sent one. This will bring breakthroughs

BREAKTHROUGHS:

- Centurion's servant was healed
- The Canaanite woman's child was delivered.
- The woman in the house of Simon was saved
- Hannah conceived Samuel
- David was an extraordinary king
- The Shunnemite was delivered from bareness.
- Fishermen became Apostles
- Timothy and Titus functioned as Apostles
- Cornelius and the gentiles received the Holy Spirit

The Sent One is the bridegroom and church is the bride. Bride must honour the Sent One. The Sent One to prove he is not the real bridegroom but the bride must submit in an apostolic forum as a son.