

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Daily read over this material and read or sing the song.
2. Place the scripture where you will see it each day.
3. Think of how you have been honored in the past.
4. Write down the ways you have honored someone that day.
5. Tell the class about someone you honor or someone who needs honor or a time you saw someone honored.



DAILY BIBLE VERSES AND PRAYER THOUGHTS

A form of the word honour (honor) is used nearly 200 times in the Bible.

MONDAY - VERSES: Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16; Ephesians 6:1-3 PRAYER THOUGHT:

Ask for strength to honor your parents because it is right even if and when you don't feel like doing it.

TUESDAY - VERSES: Leviticus 19:32; 1 Timothy 5:3-5 PRAYER THOUGHT: Ask for help remembering to give honor to those older than you and to encourage others to give respect and honor to the aged, in particular, those who are Godly and righteous.

WEDNESDAY - VERSES: Proverbs 3:9-10 PRAYER THOUGHT: Pray for the determination to honor God with EVERYTHING that He has allowed you to have possession of and stewardship over.

THURSDAY - VERSES: John 5:41-44; Numbers 22:16-18; 24:10-13 PRAYER THOUGHT: Ask for the courage to seek the honor that comes from God and not that of man.

FRIDAY - VERSES: 1 Peter 2:13-17; Romans 13:1-7 PRAYER THOUGHT: Ask for a humble spirit that will allow you to submit to and honor those in authority even though they are sometimes wrong.

SATURDAY - VERSES: Proverbs 26:8; Daniel 4:30-37 PRAYER THOUGHT: Ask God for wisdom to know who is deserving of honor.



Linus and Lucy were talking. Linus: "I've been thinking. Charlie Brown has really been a dedicated baseball manager. He's devoted his whole life to the team. We should give him a testimonial dinner."

Lucy: "Is he that deserving? How about a testimonial snack?"



I can live for two months on a good compliment. - Mark Twain

SPIRITUAL HEALTH REGIMEN - WEEK 45

HONORING - 6-2-13 to 6-8-13

SCRIPTURE - Romans 12:10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

COMMENT – Christians are to constantly be looking for and pointing out to others the good, honorable things that we see them doing. We should hold each other in high esteem. Think what this church would be like if everyone was constantly honoring one another.

SONG – ANGRY WORDS

1. Angry words! O let them never From my tongue unbridled slip;
May the heart's best impulse ever Check them ere they soil the lip.
 2. Love is much too pure and holy, Friendship is too sacred far,
For a moment's reckless folly Thus to desolate and mar.
 3. Let our words be sweetly spoken Let kind thoughts be greatly stirred;
Show our love to one another With abundance of kind words.
- REFRAIN: "Love one another," thus saith the Savior; Children, obey the Father's blest command;

THOUGHTS

The world's most forgotten man was a graduate of West Point, a Major of Engineers in the U.S. Army, but, when he built our country's first railroad, not an honor was he bestowed.

An inventor, too, he invented the locomotive whistle which saved many lives, and we think this fact was pretty grim. They didn't even name it after him.

He built the Moscow-St. Petersburg R.R. for the Czar. Then he surveyed the Canadian-American boundary, and this is a downright outrage. He wasn't even mentioned on the back page.

We could recite many accomplishments for which he received no accolades, but we'll tell you in order to save you much research toil and bother. The most forgotten man is "Whistler's Father."



CHAMPION BLOOD DONOR

Joe Kerkofsky is America's blood-donor champion. The American Association of Blood Banks will honor the 62-year-old retired security guard at a special presentation in Chicago.

Mr. Kerkofsky lost an arm in an accident when he was six. He

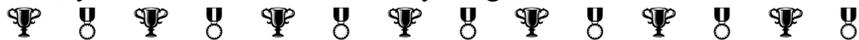
was thence rejected for military service on World War II. Since then he has donated nearly 31 gallons of blood. The human body contains 10 or 12 pints of blood. Joe has donated more than 20 times that amount.

"Giving blood makes you feel like contributing life itself," he says. "There's no more precious a gift than life. Money can't buy the joy of giving blood to help someone who needs it."



IN FRENCH PAPER, NO HONORS ALLOWED

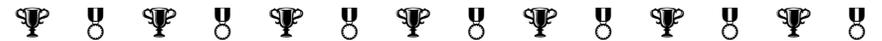
Honors of any sort are taboo at Le Canard Enchaîné, the French satirical newspaper. Once a writer made the mistake of showing up for work wearing the Legion of Honor. The editor took one horrified look and fired him on the spot. "But," the writer stammered, "I didn't ask for it. They gave it to me." Said the editor, "Well, you shouldn't have done anything to deserve it." - Time



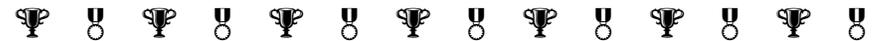
HONORING PARENTS

Once there was a little old man. His eyes blinked and his hands trembled; when he ate he clattered the silverware distressingly, missed his mouth with the spoon as often as not, and dribbled a bit of his food on the tablecloth. Now he lived with his married son, having nowhere else to live, and his son's wife didn't like the arrangement. "I can't have this," she said. "It interferes with my right to happiness." So she and her husband took the old man gently but firmly by the arm and led him to the corner of the kitchen. There they set him on a stool and gave him his food in an earthenware bowl. From then on he always ate in the corner, blinking at the table with wistful eyes. One day his hands trembled rather more than usual, and the earthenware bowl fell and broke. "If you are a pig," said the daughter-in-law, "you must eat out of a trough." So they made him a little wooden trough, and he got his meals in that. These people had a four-year-old son of whom they were very fond. One evening the young man noticed his boy playing intently with some bits of wood and asked what he was doing. "I'm making a trough," he said, smiling up for approval, "to feed you and Mamma out of when I get big." The man and his wife looked at each other for a while and didn't say anything. Then they cried a little. Then they went to the corner and took the old man by the arm and led

him back to the table. They sat him in a comfortable chair and gave him his food on a plate, and from then on nobody ever scolded when he clattered or spilled or broke things. One of Grimm's fairy tales, this anecdote has the crudity of the old, simple days. But perhaps crudity is what we need to illustrate the naked and crude point of the fifth commandment: honor your parents, lest your children dishonor you. Or, in other words, a society that destroys the family destroys itself. -Joy Davidman from "Smoke on the Mountain". Leadership-Vol. 8, #3.



Praise, like gold and diamonds, owes its value only to its scarcity. - Samuel Johnson



HONOR ONE ANOTHER

INTRODUCTION - JAMES 4:11; JOHN 13:35; ROMANS 12:10

D. IN SCHOOL DAYS - JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER

I. HONOR IS . . .

- A. A VALUING, A PRICE PAID OR RECEIVED
- B. SUPPLYING A _____ - ACTS 28:10
- C. A CAUSE FOR REJOICING - 1 CORINTHIANS ____:26
- D. _____ FAVORITISM - 1 CORINTHIANS 4:6

II. WE ARE ADMONISHED TO HONOR . . .

- A. _____ MEMBERS - 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27
- B. PARENTS - EPHESIANS 6:_____
- C. EXCEPTIONAL _____ - PHILIPPIANS 2:25-30
- D. _____ - 1 TIMOTHY 5:3
- E. ELDERS - 1 TIMOTHY ____:17
- F. _____ - 1 TIMOTHY 6:1
- G. ALL PEOPLE AND GOVERNING OFFICIALS - 1

PETER 2:_____

H. _____ - 1 PETER 3:7

I. ANYONE DUE HONOR - _____ 13:7

III. WE ARE TO STRIVE TO BE _____ - 2 TIMOTHY 2:20-21; JOHN 5:44; ROMANS 2:6-7

IV. HONOR CAN BE _____ - 1 SAMUEL 2:29; JOHN 5:44; PROVERBS 27:2

CONCLUSION

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INTRODUCTION

A. James 4:11 Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.

B. John 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

C. Romans 12:10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

D. IN SCHOOL DAYS - JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER
Still sits the school-house by the road, A ragged beggar sleeping;
Around it still the sumachs grow, And blackberry-vines are creeping.
Within, the master's desk is seen, Deep-scarred by raps official;
The warping floor, the battered seats, The jack-knife's carved initial;
The charcoal frescoes on its wall; Its door's worn sill, betraying
The feet that, creeping slow to school, Went storming out to playing!
Long years ago a winter sun Shone over it at setting;
Lit up its western window-panes, And low eaves' icy fretting.
It touched the tangled golden curls, And brown eyes full of grieving,
Of one who still her steps delayed When all the school were leaving.
For near it stood the little boy Her childish favor singled;
His cap pulled low upon a face Where pride and shame were mingled.
Pushing with restless feet the snow To right and left, he lingered;---
As restlessly her tiny hands The blue-checked apron fingered.
He saw her lift her eyes; he felt The soft hand's light caressing,
And heard the tremble of her voice, As if a fault confessing.
"I'm sorry that I spelt the word: I hate to go above you,
Because,"-the brown eyes lower fell,- "Because, you see, I love you!"
Still memory to a gray-haired man That sweet child-face is showing.
Dear girl! the grasses on her grave Have forty years been growing!
He lives to learn, in life's hard school, How few who pass above him
Lament their triumph and his loss, Like her, because they love him.

I. HONOR IS . . .

A. A VALUING, A PRICE PAID OR RECEIVED

B. SUPPLYING A NEED - Acts 28:10 Who also honoured us

with many honours; and when we departed, they laded us with such things as were necessary.

C. A CAUSE FOR REJOICING - 1 Corinthians 12:26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

D. NOT FAVORITISM - 1 Corinthians 4:6 And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.

II. WE ARE ADMONISHED TO HONOR . . .

A. WEAK MEMBERS - 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. (13) For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. (14) For the body is not one member, but many. (15) If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? (16) And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? (17) If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? (18) But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. (19) And if they were all one member, where were the body? (20) But now are they many members, yet but one body. (21) And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. (22) Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: (23) And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. (24) For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked: (25) That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. (26) And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all

the members rejoice with it. (27) Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

B. PARENTS - Ephesians 6:2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

C. EXCEPTIONAL WORKERS - Philippians 2:25-30 Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants. (26) For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick. (27) For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. (28) I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful. (29) Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation: (30) Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.

D. WIDOWS - 1 Timothy 5:3 Honour widows that are widows indeed.

E. ELDERS - 1 Timothy 5:17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

F. EMPLOYERS - 1 Timothy 6:1 Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.

G. ALL PEOPLE AND GOVERNING OFFICIALS - 1 Peter 2:17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

H. WIVES - 1 Peter 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

I. ANYONE DUE HONOR - Romans 13:7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

III. WE ARE TO STRIVE TO BE HONORABLE

A. 2 Timothy 2:20-21 But in a great house there are not only

vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. (21) If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

B. John 5:44 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

C. Romans 2:6-7 Who will render to every man according to his deeds: (7) To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

IV. HONOR CAN BE MISPLACED

A. 1 Samuel 2:29 Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people?

B. John 5:44 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

C. Proverbs 27:2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

CONCLUSION

Honor One Another

Romans 12:10b

"... in honor giving preference to one another" (NKJV)

"Give preference to one another in honor" (NIV)

"Honor one another above yourselves" (NAS)

The Basic Idea - To honor other Christians as a habit of life.

An Illustration - Our goal is to make one another "look good and sound good."

Practical Steps

"Reject a love of attention, position and titles.

they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; 7 they love to be greeted in the marketplaces and to have men call them 'Rabbi.' 8 "But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have only one Master and you are all brothers. 9 And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. 10 Nor are you to be called 'teacher,' for you have one Teacher, the Christ. (Matthew 23:6-10 NIV)

"Determine to be a servant of other Christians.

The greatest among you will be your servant. 12 For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. (Matthew 23:11-12 NIV)

"Decide that other Christians are more significant than you. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. (Philippians 2:3 NIV)

"Consider the needs and interests of others along with your own. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. (Philippians 2:4 NIV)

"Meditate on Christ's example who honored us all. (Philippians 2:5-8)

"HONOR ONE ANOTHER"

One of the main reasons God leaves Believers on earth after we are

saved, is for us to serve others! By ministering to others, we are Honoring one another. Galatians 5:13 teaches, "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another."

Honoring One Another means Thinking Properly of One's SELF. Romans 12:3, "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."

Honoring One Another means Thinking Properly of OTHERS. Romans 12:10, "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another." How often do you attempt to honor someone above yourself? Honestly! (Not being a back slapper: "Do unto others SO they will do for you!") But actually by your attitude, placing others higher than yourself in your thinking. If you can't easily recall several times when you tried to honor someone else above yourself, you are probably not following Christ's Example, and obeying this Command. How wonderful would be the relationships Christians have with each other if we all literally exalted others above ourselves, thus pleasing our Savior by putting others first-as our Lord Jesus Christ did!

GIVING HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE

It is always right to honor God. BUT IS IT SCRIPTURAL TO HONOR PEOPLE? The Bible clearly teaches that individuals are not to honor themselves. A LIFE WORTHY OF TEACHING OUR CHILDREN IS: (Prov 27:2), "Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips."

BUT SCRIPTURE CLEARLY INDICATES THAT GIVING HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE IS PROPER. - (Rom 13:7), "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; HONOR TO WHOM HONOR."

NOT ONLY THAT, THE BIBLE DETAILS SEVERAL CATEGORIES WHERE GOD EXPECTS HONOR TO BE GIVEN.

(1) WE ARE TO HONOR THE ELDERLY - (Lev 19:32), "Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and HONOR the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD."

(2) WE ARE TO HONOR THE ELDERS

(1 Tim 5:17), "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double HONOR, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine."

(3) WE ARE TO HONOR OUR PARENTS

(Exo 20:12), "HONOR thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee."

(4) HUSBANDS ARE TO HONOR THEIR WIVES

(1 Pet 3:7), "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving HONOR unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."

(5) WE ARE TO HONOR THE PRESIDENT

(1 Pet 2:17), "Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. HONOR THE KING."

(6) WE ARE TO HONOR ONE ANOTHER

(Rom 12:10), "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in HONOR preferring one another;"

(NIV), "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. HONOR ONE ANOTHER above yourselves."

(7) FIRST AND FOREMOST WE ARE TO HONOR GOD. The Bible has many verses that indicate we are to honor and glorify God (Matt 5:16; Matt 22:37). MOST PEOPLE ARE VERY AWARE of God's commands to glorify Him.

(8) ANOTHER AREA OF HONOR that is NOT AS OBVIOUS as the ones previously mentioned, is presented in Scripture. Many folks ARE NOT AWARE OF THE VERSES that tell us GOD HONORS THOSE WHO TRULY HONOR HIM.

(1 Sam 2:30), ". . . 'Those who honor me I will honor,' . . ."

(John 12:26), "If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: IF ANY MAN SERVE ME, HIM WILL MY FATHER HONOR."

(Prov 21:21), "He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth LIFE, RIGHTEOUSNESS, and HONOR."

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