

May Development Guide

SUBJECT: THE VIRTUE OF HONOR



Value: Make It Count

We consider every interaction with every individual a once-in-a-lifetime privilege and we seek to see everyone as God sees them and infuse our time together with kindness, hospitality, and excellence.

1 Samuel 2:30 – *The Lord declares: 'Far be it from me, for those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise (dishonor) me shall be lightly esteemed.'*

Honor: The recognition of importance or value of someone or something and to hold in great esteem.

Honor recognizes the value of someone and should be bestowed upon them regardless of time spent or your personal interactions with this individual.

The Bible is very outspoken about the subject of honor and the importance of giving honor to those in authority in our lives. So outspoken, that it mentions it 147 times throughout Scripture! It talks about showing honor to:

- God
- Those in governing or civil authority
- The elders of the church, preachers & teachers
- Your mother & father

In fact, 1 Peter 2:17 takes it a step further. It says to **honor all people**.

In today's society, honor has lost its valor. It's disappeared from our vocabulary, and it has also disappeared from our daily lives. People frequently do not treat each other well on social media, in politics, or on the news. Families are often in turmoil because of a lack of respect between parents and children. Employees are often put down by their employers, and employers are often undermined by their employees.

When we dishonor others we're dishonoring God, for everyone is made in HIS IMAGE and should be treated as such.

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Showing **dishonor** looks like:

- Breaching confidentiality
- Gossiping about a teacher at school or your boss at work
- Speaking negatively about those in civil authority
- Treating **anyone** as if they are less than you for **any** reason at all

Showing **honor** looks like:

- Praying for your civil leaders & speaking about them positively, even if you disagree with them
- Giving people your undivided attention in conversation with them
- Thanking someone who is serving or has served you or your family

***Showing honor can release mighty works and blessings in your life.
Contrary to that, showing dishonor can withhold blessings in your life.
How you show honor determines the blessings you'll receive.***

Every time you show honor, whether to your family, your boss, your fellow Dream Team members and leaders, or even the people you're serving, you're participating in one of our core values at Victory. You're **Making It Count**.

Take some time to reflect on the following questions in your personal time.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- Am I showing honor in all areas of my life?
- Is there someone in my life who I am dishonoring? If so, take a moment to read 2 Timothy 2:21 and repent from dishonoring this individual.
- Do you remember a time you showed honor to another? What blessings did you receive from honoring them?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What were your biggest takeaways from this teaching?
- Who does God ask that we honor?
- What is one way you can show honor today?

CHALLENGE:

- Romans 12:10 says to, *"Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor."*
- Take the challenge today to outdo one another in showing honor! Pay for the person's meal that you're having dinner with or call your mom or dad and tell them thank you for the sacrifices they made in raising you.