



THE BLESSING OF HONOR

TEXT:

Mark 6:1-6 NLT

Jesus left that part of the country and returned with his disciples to Nazareth, his hometown. 2 The next Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. They asked, "Where did he get all this wisdom and the power to perform such miracles?" 3 Then they scoffed, "He's just a carpenter, the son of Mary[a] and the brother of James, Joseph,[b] Judas, and Simon. And his sisters live right here among us." They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him. 4 Then Jesus told them, "A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family." 5 And because of their unbelief, he couldn't do any miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them. 6 And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Introduction: We live in an a time where people are perpetually offended

- We have allowed a spirit of dishonor to permeate our culture; music, tv reality shows, social media,
- We have almost totally lost the virtue of honor.
- We are quick to criticize, judge, condemn and cancel anyone who offends us.
- This is because we have gotten respect and honor mixed up.
- Respect is earned; Honor is Given.
- Honor is an Act of our will, it is a choice.
- **Atimos** - to dishonor, unrecognized, to treat without worth, value.
- **Timao** - to honor, to revere, to value.

I) Dishonor Hurts You

A) God Honors Honor

- Verse 5 - Honor releases mighty works in your life - the power of God and breakthrough.
- Mark 5 - The demoniac was delivered, Jairus' daughter healed, the woman with issue of blood delivered all three acknowledged Jesus and His power.

B) Dishonor Limits your life

- Dishonor cuts you off from whatever another person has for you.
- Verse 3 - Dishonor is when we try to reduce someone or devalue them to bring them down; to demean or belittle someone.
- Dishonor comes from offense and unbelief.
- **Offense-** to cause one to judge unfavorably or unjustly of another, to disapprove.
- **Unbelief-** refuse to believe.
- Your unbelief and rejection of a person doesn't make them less. It means you get less of what they have to offer.

C. The Kingdom of God does not support dishonor

- Numbers 12 - Miriam was stricken with leprosy because of her act of dishonor.
- **Honor is not about the other person. It's a decision I make.**

II) Who Should we Honor

A. Honor God

- "Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; Then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting." with wine. Proverbs 3:9-10
- "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." Matthew 15:8 NIV
- "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21 NIV

B. Honor Family

- "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you." Exodus 20:12 NKJV
- "In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered." I Peter 3:7 NLT

C. Honor Spiritual Leadership

- "Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching." I Timothy 5:17

D. Honor One Another

- We can disagree without being dishonorable.

- “Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another.” Romans 12:10 NKJV
- “Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.” Romans 12:9-10 ESV

III) How We Honor

- A. Walk in Humility - Attitude of my heart
- B. Serve others - Actions of my hands

IV) Choose To Honor

- A. See everyone as carrying the image of God.
 - 1. Look for ways to bless others.
 - Jesus was a servant leader
 - He washed the disciples feet
 - 2. Let others know what they mean to you.

“Kind words are like honey— sweet to the soul and healthy for the body.”
Proverbs 16:24 NLT