

LOF 3 - HONOURING GOD - HONOUR'S REWARD PART 4

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INTRODUCTION

- GOOD EVENING SONS AND DAUGHTERS, HAVE I TOLD YOU LATELY THAT I LOVE YOU, I'M SO PROUD OF ALL OF YOU.
- WELL DONE FOR STAYING **CONSISTENT** IN THE LAST 12 WEEKS OF OF LIFESTYLE OF FREEDOM.
 - "YOUR **CAPACITY** WILL GET YOU YOUR VICTORY."
 - "YOUR **CONSISTENCY** LET YOU KEEP YOUR VICTORY"
- THERE ARE TIMES WHEN YOU DIDN'T FEEL LIKE COMING, BUT YOU COME ANYWAY.
- THERE ARE DAYS WHEN EVERYTHING DIDN'T GO AS PLANNED
 - YOUR BOSS SCOLDED YOU,
 - YOU GOT A PARKING TICKET,
 - YOU'RE NOT IN THE MOOD, BUT YOU COME ANYWAY.
- BUT GOD ALLOWS THESE DAYS TO HAPPEN, **TO BUILD YOU**
 - CONSISTENCY IS NEVER GIVEN, IT IS BUILT.**
 - ITS BUILT THROUGH PAIN, ITS BUILT THROUGH DIFFICULTIES.
 - ADULTS FOLLOW THROUGH THEIR COMMITMENT, CHILDREN FOLLOW THEIR FEELINGS.**
- I HOPE YOU REAP SO MUCH BENEFITS OUT OF LIFESTYLE OF FREEDOM.
 - FOR SOME YOU'VE GOT WISDOM.
 - FOR SOME YOU'VE GOT FAITH.
 - FOR SOME YOU'VE GOT STRENGTH.
 - IN YOUR GROUP DISCUSSION SHARE SOME OF THE BENEFIT THAT YOU'VE REAPED OUT OF THIS JOURNEY SO FAR.**

HONOURING GOD

- TONIGHT WE'RE GOING CLOSE OUR 4 WEEKS SERIES OF HONOUR WITH A BIG BANG!
 - HIGHER AUTHORITY
 - SPIRITUAL LEADERS
 - BRINGING BACK HONOUR TO YOUR HOMES
-THIS WEEK WE'RE GOING TO LEARN ABOUT HONOURING GOD!

TRUE HONOUR COMES **ONLY** FROM GOD.

- THE ABILITY TO **TRULY HONOUR** OTHERS WILL ONLY BE BORN OUT OF THE HEART OF HONOURING GOD.
- HE IS THE INVENTOR OF HONOUR!
- IN ANOTHER WORD - WE CAN ONLY **TRULY HONOUR** OTHERS (THOSE WHO ARE OVER US, THE SAME LEVEL AS US AND THOSE WHO'RE ENTRUSTED TO OUR CARE) WHEN WE HAVE LEARNT **HOW TO TRULY HONOUR GOD.**

- WHEN WE'VE LEARNED TO TRULY HONOUR GOD, **ONLY THEN** WE CAN SAY TO OTHERS
 - 'I HONOUR YOU NOT BECAUSE YOU ARE PERFECT
 - 'IN FACT I CAN HONOUR YOU EVEN WITH YOUR IMPERFECTIONS!'
 - 'EVEN WHEN YOU'RE HARSH TO ME, EVEN WHEN YOU WERE UNFAIR TO ME, MY HONOUR IS FIRST AND FOREMOST DIRECTED **TO GOD!!**.'
 - I HONOUR YOU BECAUSE I HONOUR GOD!
 - MY LEVEL OF HONOUR TO YOU IS NOT INCREASING OR DIMINISHING BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU DID, BECAUSE MY LEVEL OF HONOUR IS ANCHORED TO SOMETHING IMMOVABLE, MY LEVEL OF HONOUR IS ANCHORED TO JESUS!
 - YOU MAY NOT GET IT, BECAUSE THAT'S NOT THE CULTURE OF THE WORLD.
 - BUT ONE DAY YOU'LL GET IT!
 - BECAUSE MY LEVEL OF HONOUR WILL ONLY POINT YOU TO ONE PERSON AND THAT PERSON IS JESUS.
- AND THE BIBLE SAYS:

³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. Mark 12:30 (NKJV)

- THE WORD 'LOVE' HERE WHEN WE TRACED THE ORIGINAL WORD IN BOTH HEBREW AND GREEK.... IT MEANS HONOUR!
 - IN ANOTHER WORD THE BIBLE SAYS
 - "MY **FIRST** COMMANDMENTS"
 - MY HIGHEST, MOST IMPORTANT,
 - IF I HAVE ONE COMMANDMENTS ABOVE ALL OTHER COMMANDMENTS, IT WILL BE....
 -IS **TO HONOUR GOD WITH ALL OF YOUR HEART, ALL OF YOUR SOUL, ALL OF YOUR MIND AND ALL OF YOUR STRENGTH**
 - NOW TONIGHT WE'RE GOING TO LEARN.
 - WHAT IT MEANS TO HONOUR GOD.
 - WHY DO WE NEED TO HONOUR GOD.
 - THE REWARD OF HONOURING GOD...

HOW DO WE HONOUR GOD?

1. WE HONOUR GOD THROUGH OUR **CONVERSATIONS**

- May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. ~ Psalm 19:14
- THE FIRST WAY OF US HONOURING GOD IS FROM OUR CONVERSATIONS.
 - WHEN OUR CONVERSATIONS ARE FILLED WITH COMPLAINING** it is one of the greatest ways we can lose our reward and miss out on God's will for our lives.
 - WHY? BECAUSE It can easily become a negative pattern of dishonor if we are not careful.
 - ISRAEL LOST THEIR PROMISED LAND BECAUSE OF THEIR MURMURING.
 - On the other hand, WHEN OUR CONVERSATIONS ARE FILLED WITH GREATFULNESS
 - THIS WILL BECOME is a positive pattern of honor that paves the way to God's bLESSINGS IN OUR LIFE.
 - GRATEFULNESS IS ACKNOWLEDGING HIM THAT HE IS THE SOURCE OF OUR LIFE.
 - THE BIBLE SAYS...
 - In all your ways **acknowledge** him, and he shall direct thy paths

2. WE HONOUR GOD THROUGH OUR **CONSECRATION**

- 18** Don't be immoral in matters of sex. That is a sin against your own body in a way that no other sin is. **19** You surely know that your body is a temple where the Holy Spirit lives. The Spirit is in you and is a gift from God. You are no longer your own. **20** God paid a great price for you. So use your body to honor God
- ONE OF THE WAYS TO HONOUR GOD IS BY OFFERING OUR BODY AS A LIVING SACRIFICE
- BY CONSECRATING OUR YOUTH, OUR BODY IN HOLINESS.
- BECAUSE OUR BODY IS NO LONGER OURS, GOD HAS PAID A GREAT PRICE FOR YOUR BODY.

"In a well-furnished kitchen there are not only crystal goblets and silver platters, but waste cans and compost buckets—some containers used to serve fine meals, others to take out the garbage. Become the kind of container God can use to present any and every kind of gift to his guests for their blessing."

"If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work."

2 Timothy 2:21-22

- SO WE USE OUR BODY TO SERVE GOD.
- I'M GOING TO SERVE YOU WITH MY TIME.
- I'M GOING TO SERVE YOU WITH MY SKILLS.
- I'M GOING TO HONOUR YOU BY CONSECRATING MY BODY FROM SEX OUTSIDE THE BLESSING OF MARRIAGE OF MAN AND WOMAN.

3. WE HONOUR GOD THROUGH OUR **POSSESSION**

- Proverbs 3:9-10** ⁹ Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the first-fruits of all your increase; ¹⁰ So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.
- THE THIRD WAY OF HONOURING GOD IS THROUGH OUR POSSESSION.
- OUR OFFERING AND TITHING IS YOU SAYING TO GOD 'GOD, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IT IS ALL FROM YOU ANYWAY'
- IF YOU SAYING TO GOD 'GOD, I'M PUTTING YOU FIRST ABOVE MONEY, ABOVE EVERYTHING IN MY LIFE'

- BUT WHEN WE HONOUR GOD THROUGH OUR POSSESSION (TITHING AND OFFERING),
- THE PROMISE OF GOD SAYS YOUR BARN WILL BE FILLED WITH **PLENTY!**
 - I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU BUT I'D LIKE MY BARN TO BE FILLED WITH THIS THING CALLED 'PLENTY'
 - TAKE IT I'VE GOT PLENTY'
 - THANK YOU JESUS FOR YOUR BLESSING, GOD IS SAYING 'THERE IS PLENTY WHERE IT CAME FROM!
- AND YOUR VATS WILL OVERFLOW WITH **NEW WINE.**
 - NEW OLD WINE.
 - NOT OLD, NEW THINGS, NEW IDEAS, NEW OPEN DOORS

4. WE HONOUR GOD THROUGH OUR **PROFESSION**

- Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people. Col 3:23

- GOD WANTS YOU TO SUCCEED IN MARKETPLACE.
- IN FACT MARKETPLACE IS THE PLACE WHERE WE CAN SHOW HIS GLORY.
- YOUR STORY**
- "GOD BLESS MY WORK, SO I CAN MAGNIFY YOU FROM MY WORK"
- WHEN YOU HAVE A HEART THAT WANTS TO HONOUR GOD THROUGH YOUR WORKPLACE, GOD WILL TAKE YOU PLACES.

5. WE HONOUR GOD THROUGH OUR **SUBMISSION**

- Genesis 22:15-18 (NKJV)** ¹⁵ Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—¹⁷ blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. ¹⁸ In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."
- ABRAHAM'S OBEDIENCE UNLOCKS 3 THINGS
 - ABRAHAM'S OBEDIENCE UNLOCKS HIS **MULTIPLICATIONS** 'I WILL MULTIPLY YOU'
 - ABRAHAM'S OBEDIENCE UNLOCKS HIS **VICTORIES** 'YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL POSSESS THE GATE OF THEIR ENEMIES'
 - ABRAHAM'S OBEDIENCE UNLOCKS HIS **BLESSING** 'IN YOUR SEED ALL NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED'

GROUP DISCUSSIONS

5 WAYS WE CAN HONOUR GOD

- WE HONOUR GOD THROUGH OUR **CONVERSATIONS**
- WE HONOUR GOD THROUGH OUR **CONSECRATIONS**
- WE HONOUR GOD THROUGH OUR **POSSESSIONS**
- WE HONOUR GOD THROUGH OUR **PROFESSIONS**
- WE HONOUR GOD THROUGH OUR **SUBMISSIONS**

HONOUR WILL BRING **MULTIPLICATIONS.**

HONOUR WILL BRING **VICTORIES**

HONOUR WILL BRING **BLESSINGS**

IN WHICH AREAS OF YOUR LIFE YOU NEED TO INTENSIFY HONOUR TOWARDS GOD?