#### Attracting the Favor and Blessings of God Lesson # 12

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Now we will turn our attention from those who are over us in authority to those who are on our level. We are neither over them, nor they over US. This is what we will refer to as, Honoring our Peers.

Let's recap once again the meaning of honor: to value, to esteem, to respect, to treat favorably, to have in high regard for. In viewing our parents through the eyes of honor we will communicate with them in respect and love. Remember, honor can be displayed in deed, word, and even in thought, but all true honor originates from the heart.

"He who honors you honors Me, and he who honors Me honors Him who sent Me. He who honors a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who honors a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever honors one of these little ones with only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."

Matt. 10:40-42

According to this passage, the second group that Jesus mentions deals primarily with those who are our peers. This is the emphasis he makes when he mentions the "*righteous man*".

What does it take to genuinely bestow honor on our peers?
Holy fear
Unconditional love

Holy fear is characterized as genuine respect and courtesy for others. This is done without pretense.

Unconditional love is extending love to someone or something that may not be loveable.

"Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another."

Rom. 12:9-10

Two very important facts are clearly spelled out for us in this passage:
 True love has no hypocrisy.

Honor gives preference to others.

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\*Excerpts of this series will be taken from <u>"Honor's Reward"</u>, authored by John Bevere.