

Attracting the Favor and Blessings of God Lesson # 9

Honoring Domestic Leaders
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“Honor your father and mother’, which is the first commandment with promise: ‘that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth’”.

Ephesians 6:2-3

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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.

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To honor our parents is not a suggestion, nor a recommendation, but rather it is a commandment. As New Testament believers, we are encouraged to keep the commandments of God.

“He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me”. (John 14:21)

“This is love, that we walk according to His commandments.” (II John 6)

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Twofold Reward:

- (1) It will go well with you – Success in life, accompanied with joy, peace, love and health. Life will be enriching and rewarding.
- (2) You will live a long life on the earth – God promises to lengthen your days.

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The Wife's Call to Honor:

The husband is the head of the home.

Chauvinistic men did not conjure this up; this is God's plan. It is impossible to have blessing and peace in a home where a wife strives to dominate, or where the husband is not respected. On the contrary, when a woman of God values her husband as the leader, she will receive the reward of honor.

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“Let the wife see that she respects and reverences her husband (that she notices him, regards him, honors him, prefers him, venerates, and esteems him; and that she defers to him, praises him, and loves and admires him exceedingly)”.

Ephesians 5:33 (AMP)

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Wives with Unsaved Husbands:

“You married women, be submissive to your own husbands (subordinate yourselves as being secondary to and dependent on them, and adapt yourselves to them), so that even if any do not obey the Word (of God), they may be won over not by; discussion but by the (godly) lives of their wives, when they observe the pure and modest way in which you conduct yourselves together with reverence (for your husband; you are to feel for him all that reverence includes: to respect, defer to, revere him – to honor, esteem, appreciate, prize, and in the human sense, to adore him, that is to admire, praise, be devoted to, deeply love, and enjoy your husband).”

I Peter 3:1-2 (AMP)

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Peter shows us that even if the wife's husband is not saved, it is her honoring behavior that will reach him, not her preaching or teaching.

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