

BUILDING A GODLY LIFE SERIES

I. TO BUILD A GODLY LIFE YOU MUST BUILD INTO YOUR LIFE THE CHARACTER TRAIT OF HONOR.

A. We are taught by God to honor Him, certain people and things.

B. What does it mean to honor them?

1. The word Ahonor@ means to respect which is Aa feeling” of admiration for someone because of their position, qualities, achievements or appreciation for something because of what it represents, like our national flag.

WHOM ARE WE TO HONOR?

I. God

1 Tim. 1:17, “Now unto the King, eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever.”

A. We honor God by keeping his commandments.

Prov. 3:9, “Honour the Lord with thy substance with the first fruits of all thine increase.”

B. We honor God by honoring His name.

Exo. 20:7, “Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.” (KJV)

II. We are to honor our father and mother.

Eph. 6:1-3, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.” (KJV)

III. We are to honor our marriage partner.

Eph. 5:33, “Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.” (KJV)

1 Peter 3:7, “Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.” (KJV)

IV. We are to honor spiritual leaders.

Eph. 4:11, “And he gave someYpastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.”

Heb. 13:17, “Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.” (KJV)

1 Tim. 5:17, “Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.” (KJV)

V. We are to honor government leaders.

Rom. 13:1, “Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.” (KJV)

VI. We are to honor employers.

Eph. 6:5-8, “Slaves, obey your masters; be eager to give them your very best. Serve them as you would Christ. Don't work hard only when your master is watching and then shirk when he isn't looking; work hard and with gladness all the time, as though working for Christ, doing the will of God with all your hearts. Remember, the Lord will pay you for each good thing you do, whether you are slave or free. (TLB)

VII. We are to honor The Lord's Day.

Isa. 58:13-14, “If you keep the Sabbath holy, not having your own fun and business on that day, but enjoying the Sabbath, speaking of it with delight as the Lord's holy day, and honoring the Lord in what you do, not following your own desires and pleasure nor talking idly--then the Lord will be your delight, and I will see to it that you ride high and get your full share of the blessings I promised to Jacob, your father. The Lord has spoken.” (TLB)

VIII. We are to honor widows without family.

1 Tim. 5:3-8, “The church should take loving care of women whose husbands have died if they don't have anyone else to help them. But if they have children or grandchildren, these are the ones who should take the responsibility, for kindness should begin at home, supporting needy parents. This is something that pleases God very much. The church should care for widows who are poor and alone in the world if they are looking to God for his help and spending much time in prayer; but not if they are spending their time running around gossiping, seeking only pleasure and thus ruining their souls. This should be your church rule so that the Christians will know and do what is right. But anyone who won't care for his own relatives when they need help, especially those living in his own family, has no right to say he is a Christian. Such a person is worse than the heathen.” (TLB)

IX. We are to honor other people.

Rom. 12:10, “Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another”; (KJV)

UNLESS WE ARE OBEYING THE COMMANDS OF GOD, WE ARE NOT HONORING HIM. IF WE ARE NOT HONORING HIM, WE CANNOT EXPECT HIS BLESSINGS UPON OUR LIVES.