

## Honour Brings Blessing

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*HONOUR IN THE KINGDOM STARTS WITH THE LORD*

When we honour the Lord, there is honor being reciprocated back to us

1 Samuel 2:30

*Therefore the Lord God of Israel says: 'I said indeed that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.' But now the Lord says: 'Far be it from Me; for **those who honor Me I will honor**, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.*

Honour (khabod) > a weightiness, heaviness that is good

*Outline*

How God wants us to honour Him

- TITHE
- TIME
- TALENT
- TONGUE

### **HONOURING GOD WITH OUR TITHE**

Proverbs 3:9-10

***Honor the Lord with your possessions,** And with the **firstfruits** of all your increase  
10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.*

To truly honour God you cannot put yourself first.

There is a great level of PROTECTION in putting the LORD first.  
By doing so you close the door to the enemy.

John 3:16

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life*

There is no ounce of selfishness in God.

God is thinking about you and asking you to put HIM FIRST.

*The best thing to do is to honour the Father, and put the Kingdom first.*

Genesis 4:3-7

*And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. 4 Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, 5 **but He did not respect Cain and his offering.** And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? 7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it*

God did not respect Cain's offering.

There was something Cain didn't do right according to God.

Abel brought an offering that touched the heart of the Father.

Malachi 3:10

*Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it*

OBEDIENCE OPENS THE DOOR FOR BLESSING

Sometimes it takes time to practice honouring.

Matthew 15:8

*These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.*

## HONOURING GOD WITH OUR TIME

*TIME is your devotion to the LORD.*

Question is: Who do you do your devotions with?

John 8:31

*Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "**If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed***

A disciple is someone who continues in the word of God.

There is things that God asks us to do.

*Follow through on what God wants you to do*

Matthew 13:10-11

*And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" 11 He answered and said to them, "Because **it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been give***

The BLESSING of honouring God with your time is that  
GOD BEGINS TO REVEAL HIS TRUTH to you.

*And your deliverance comes through the truth.*

John 14:23-24

*Jesus answered and said to him, "**If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him** 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.*

The litmus test: "He who loves Me will keep My word."  
That's how you know if you really love Jesus.

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*Honouring God you will experience the PRESENCE OF GOD in your life.*

God feels welcomed where He is honoured.

**HONOUR UNLOCKS POTENTIAL (One of CLM Values)**

1 John 2:5

*He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.*

## **HONOURING GOD WITH OUR TALENT**

Honouring God through your service

Psalms 100:2

**Serve the Lord** with gladness; Come before His presence with singing

John 12:26

**If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me**; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor."

As you serve the Lord, Jesus said, My Father will honour you.

Matthew 9:37-38

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

Serving God with your talents, your gifting...

Romans 12:11

**not lagging in diligence**, fervent in spirit, **serving the Lord**

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always **abounding in the work of the Lord**, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Peter 4:10

As each one has received a gift, **minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.**

It's not for yourself what God gave to you

## **HONOURING GOD WITH OUR TONGUE**

James 3:6

*And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.*

The enemy wants to get a hold of your tongue.

Salvation comes through confessing with your tongue

Proverbs 18:21

**Death and life are in the power of the tongue**, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

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James 4:10

*Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing.  
My brethren, these things ought not to be so.*

Psalms 100:4

*Enter into His gates with **thanksgiving**, And into His courts with **praise**.*

Honouring God with your tongue through Thanksgiving.

*Blessing was always spoken to someone.* - Life and death are in the tongue.

Proverbs 21:3

*To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

***in everything give thanks**; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

*Whatever you do, honour the Lord with your tongue.*

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*Dr. Faisal Malick - Comments*

As we honour God there will be *results in our life...*

Honour is the *Culture of Heaven*.

Honour is the *Culture of His House*.

“...before honour is humility” Proverbs 18:12

Honouring God has to do with *HUMILITY*. It starts with Humility > Obeying the Holy Spirit.

You are Sons of honour - because Holy Spirit who is a Spirit of Honour, is in you.  
The more you tap into that, it becomes your “first” nature.

**Honour is not so much about other people. It is about *WHO YOU ARE!***

Principle: *Treating people based on who YOU are*

Phrase “*HONOUR UNLOCKS POTENTIAL*” (History)

*Honour is from the Spirit.* - *Respect is from the soul.*

Honour is a *Kingdom Culture* element. - Honour brings forth the potential in a person.

Romans 12:10

***Be kindly affectionate to one another** with brotherly love,  
**in honor giving preference to one another***

Kindness doesn't cost you anything.

**What the Lord says about you is what counts!**

It is what Christ did for me, that's what defines me.

Find something that you can honour about the other person - even in difficult times.

Honour is the nature of Christ on the inside of you. *Showing HONOUR shows who you are.*