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Preface

A life without honour will be full of shame. You cannot be esteemed if you lack honour. Honour is an invisible element you can receive and possess. It is also something you should give others. People don't honour others because they don't understand honour. You cannot get honour if you don't give it first. Only those who give honour gets honour. You cannot receive honour from God if you don't first show and give honour to God. When you honour God, He will honour you. God Himself had said He will honour those who honour Him.

One of the reasons many rich people couldn't retain their honour was because they don't understand honour. Wealth and riches can facilitate honour into your life but cannot retain it in your life. The rich will always be honoured for their riches. Riches is one of the weapons that compels men to honour you. This is one of the main reasons the poor suffers honour. Poverty will not bring honour into the life of a person. You must hate poverty in your life. Poverty will always bring dishonour to you. Poverty will make you to bow before the rich younger than your younger siblings. Poverty will make you work for the rich who is less intelligent and competent. I have never seen anyone that earned honour through poverty.

However, in our world, I have seen some individuals who are extremely honoured by the rich. I wondered why that happened. But as I studied the scripture, I discovered that honour belongs to God and He gives it to whoever He wishes. When God gives you honour, you will not be respected and admired by men because of your knowledge, riches or wealth; men will honour you because they are compelled by the invisible force of honour upon your life.

As you read this book, you are about to breakthrough into a dimension of honour that comes from God. When men give you honour, some men can

still dishonour you; but when God confers honour on you, no man on earth can dishonour you. As you read this book, you will understand how to receive and retain honour. Honour is precious to God, that is why He doesn't give it anyhow. God will prove your honour for Him before He puts honour on you. And when you receive honour from God, you will be respected and desired by all men.

This book in your hand is not just a product of study, but a response to the desire and request of my heart. I believe that if it works for one, it can work for all. You are about to enter a zone of honour that nothing on earth can buy but only God can give. I pray as you read that you will not just understand honour but will enjoy and experience honour all the days of your life. Amen!

I encourage all readers to share this book with their families and friends; workers and leaders; members and mentees so that everyone can understand how to receive and retain honour. Nobody will read this book and not contact the spirit of honour. Sharing this book with others will relieve you the stress and effort of trying to teach them about honour. In fact, anyone you want to teach about honour, simply give this book to such.

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GOD'S PROMISE TO YOU

Instead of your shame, you shall have double honor, and instead of confusion, they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore, in their land they shall possess double; everlasting joy shall be theirs.” Isaiah 61:7

Sometimes, the situation around a person's life can cloud the person with shame and contempt. The lives of some people are full of misery and mystery. They have done all they know best but things are not just working out. It seemed as though greatness and God's plans for their lives will not come to pass. But when God looks down from heaven, He smiles on them. And when God smiles on men, His face shine on them.

Shame is not to claim neither is it to be desired. But somehow, for some unknown reason, many are just shamed. Shame will not come by itself, but will come through something. Shame can come into a person's life through debts, failure, lack, joblessness, poverty, adversity and so on. Shame is powerful enough to isolate you from your circle of friends. When you see people who are not free to relate with their friends again, it could be that certain things have happened to them that have brought shame on them. Shame makes men bury themselves in the confines of their privacy.

The stigma of shame is powerful enough to silent a man. When certain events that translate into shame happens in the life of a man, such will lose his pride and honor. Honor is the power over shame. Let's assume a person is in debt and couldn't pay for lack of resources, such person is in shame. Do you

realize that even after the person gets the money to pay the debt, the person still needs honor? Why, simply because the stigma of that debt is still there. But when honor comes, the debt of that person becomes a story of greatness that others can learn from. That means whoever is in debt needs more than money to pay the debt, such person needs honor to cancel the shame.

God spoke through the prophet Isaiah to the Israelites that instead of their shame, they shall get double honor. He went further to declare that they shall even possess double. This is God's word to the Israelites and the word came to pass.

I was in a situation that almost brought shame to me many years ago. It was something that pertained to my academics at the university. So, I prayed that God should intervene, but it was as though God was deaf to my prayers because there was no response neither did I see any manifestation to my request physically. I continued praying until I came across this scriptural verse one midnight. As I read that verse, the word penetrated into my spirit that instead of my shame, I shall get double honor. Somehow, the understanding was furnished in my heart that what I requested may not be granted but I would never be put to shame. When I looked back today, I have reasons to praise God because He is the God that does as He pleases. He did as He promised for instead of my shame, He granted double honor.

Sometimes, God permits somethings to happen to us so that He can prove to you that He is more powerful than whatever you were fearful of. Whatever you are going through now doesn't matter. What matters is that God should give you double honor instead of your shame.

Fifteen Signs of Double Honor

1. When God grants you double honor, those who should be in position to mock or shame you will end up honoring you.
2. When those you should honor begin to honor you, then, you have been given double honor.
3. When God puts you in position to be the helper of those who should be your helper, then, double honor has been conferred on you.

4. When you are in position to determine the promotion of those who have the qualification you don't have, then, double honor has been bestowed on you.
5. When you become the connector to those who have more advantage than you, then, double honor has been bestowed on you
6. When you are in a position that compel those who have more advantage than you to pursue you, affiliate and connect with you, then, double honor has been bestowed on you.
7. When you come from an ordinary background but now sit with princes and kings, then, double honor has been bestowed on you.
8. When God lifts you to a position where you lead those that are older, experienced, gifted, excellent, enlightened and educated than you, then, double honor has been bestowed on you.
9. When everyone begins to desire to hear your opinion and perspectives, then, double honor has been bestowed on you.
10. When the rich and wealthy pursue you for your service because they couldn't get another expert like you elsewhere, then, double honor has been bestowed on you.
11. When God puts grace, wisdom and anointing that ends people's problems on you, then, double honor has been bestowed on you.
12. When God lifts you to a level where others begin to receive inspiration and motivation for advancement in life, then, double honor has been bestowed on you.
13. When important people in life begins to treat you as an important and honorable phenomenon, then, double honor has been bestowed on you.
14. When you get to the level that your enemies begin to bow to you and show you high esteem, then, double honor has been bestowed on you.
15. When you get to a level where opposition finds it difficult to oppose and challenge you, then, double honor has been bestowed on you.

HONOUR BELONGS TO GOD

“And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.” Revelation 7:11-12.

Obviously, we are very familiar with the old saints and you know about the old songs. One of the songs that is common with the old saints then is the song “Amen, Amen blessings and glory...” The old saints sing this song regularly and it’s needed to know that, that song actually came from this verse – they only added the rhythm to it.

It is highly noted that angels, four living creatures, and the twenty-four elders all acknowledged that there are certain things that belong to God forever and ever. And one of the things they acknowledged that belongs to God forever and ever is honour. Honour belongs to God! And it does not just belong to God for a time, it belongs to God forever and ever. If you are a believer, you have to know that honour belongs to God forever and ever.

“Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.” Psalms 104:1

You see from this passage that God is clothed with honour and majesty. In other words, if we are to follow this scriptural passage – the cloth of God is honour and majesty. Just like you can wear your cloth, and when people see you, they don’t see your body parts – they see your cloth. So also, God wears honour like a cloth; he wears majesty like a cloth too. Get this clearly, your cloth covers your nakedness. In other words, if you put on your cloth, your nakedness cannot be seen. That is exactly what honour does. If a man wears honour, the issues of his life that should bring shame to that person – honour will cover it up since honour is like a cloth that you wear. The reason people are not valued and easily despised is because honour is not covering them. If God could wear honour, so also man can wear honour. It will not be difficult for you to understand that honour belongs to God if you understand that God wears honour like clothes.

DEFINITIONS OF HONOUR

What exactly is honour? I want to define honour in three different categories.

1. **Honour is great respect and admiration for somebody:** If someone is honoured, then, it means that person is highly respected and highly admired. To admire someone is to say you want to be like someone. ***“Therefore be imitators of God as dear children” (Ephesians 5:1).*** The reason believers could be told to imitate God is because God wears honour. Anything and anyone that has honour will always be admired; in other words, such will always be imitated. People will always want to be like that person just like everyone wants to be like God. People desire to be great and powerful like God. It is because of honour. Honour is great respect. When you see an elderly person that is not respected, the reason that person is not respected is because honour is absent in the spirit of that person. When you see someone that is not admired, and people don't desire to be like such, it is because there is no honour in the life of such a person. God is honored because He has honour and wears it like cloth. Acts 5:34 says *“Then one in the council stood up, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in respect by all the people and commanded them to put the apostles outside for a little while.”* Do you see the unique thing about Gamaliel? Scripture reveals that he was held in respect by all people. In other words, a person can get to a level that all people – young and old – will be compelled to respect such. It is very possible for you to get to the level that all people will respect you.
2. **Honour is high importance bestowed on someone:** When someone is seen as an important figure or personality; it's because honour is placed on that person. Everyone in the universe talks about God today because honour is with God and it belongs to God forever and ever. You can't have honour in your life and not be important – you will definitely be important. If you want God and men to regard your presence, possess

honor.

3. **Honour is great regard and value placed on somebody:** Whoever wants people to give him great regard, don't tell them to give you great regard, just get honour into your life. When you have honour, people will automatically give you great regard. In other words, honour will compel people to regard your presence and words. There are individuals whose presence and words are not regarded. Such are never consulted before important decisions are made. The reason for such is because honour is not part of their life. Why do you think everybody prays to God? It's because honour is with God. We all regard Him and treasure Him as a Personality that must be pursued. Obviously, honour brings regard to human life. Honour brings value to your life. When honour clothe your spirit, people will value your presence and words. They will just see your presence as an uncommon one. There are common and uncommon presence. When you possess an uncommon presence, it stands you out of thousands. Definitely, when you have honour, you will be regarded, cherished and valued. Stop striving to be valued, get honour into your life. Honour will cause men to value you.

GIVERS OF HONOR

There are two categories of personalities that can give honour. These are:

1. God: God can give honour to Men
2. Men: Men can give honour to Men

GOD CAN GIVE HONOUR TO MEN

It is possible for God to give you honour and you have to know that. God is honoured by all men. We all honour God, honour is with him. But we see that God can give some people honour and God must give you honour.

In other words, when God gives you honour, what God has done is that he has shared with you part of what He has forever and ever. And if God gives

you honour, men will definitely give you honour. It is possible for men to give you honour but for God not to give you honour – it's very possible. Let me say this, there are many billionaires in the world. And all of these people are honoured by men. But there are some of them that God doesn't give them honour. For you to know this, you will notice that all men of God, ministers of the Gospel – God gives them honour. That is the reason billionaires give honour to ministers of God who have been honoured by God. That is the reason billionaires go to pastors to seek their help. Why do you think billionaires go to pastors to seek their help? It's because God has given those ministers something He didn't give those billionaires – which is honour. And God can give honour to you. The purpose of this subject is to share and receive part of what God has. It's for you to have honour. The amazing thing is that if you are a billionaire, God can confer His honour on you. Both riches and honour comes from God. Your riches make you a billionaire, while honour will make you to be valued, respected and regarded. You must end up becoming an honourable billionaire. Men like Abraham, Solomon, Isaac were the billionaire of their time. These billionaire patriarchs were distinctly honoured by the Lord. May you be honoured by the Lord.

“Wherefore David blessed the Lord before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel our father, for ever and ever.

¹¹ Thine, O Lord is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.

¹² Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.” (1 Chronicles 29:10–12)

King David acknowledged that honour comes from God. If you understand that honour comes from God, it will be easy for you to know what you can receive from Him.

RECEIVING HONOUR THROUGH WISDOM

“Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour”
Proverbs 3:16.

I hope you know that this Proverb chapter 3 was not from Solomon but it was from David. Proverbs Chapter 3 were the words that David taught his children including Solomon – the teachings of David to Solomon. David explained to Solomon the importance of Wisdom. That was the reason that when God asked Solomon what he wanted, he said “God give me wisdom.” God said *“I will give it to you, also the things you did not ask for, riches and honour I have given unto you.”* You cannot have wisdom and not have riches and honour. When you have wisdom, both riches and honour will definitely enter into your life.

David tried to paint the picture that wisdom is like a personality that has two hands, the left and the right hands. I just want you to see that honor is with wisdom and wisdom comes from God. You can’t have wisdom and not have honour. Wisdom is both a giver and preserver of honour. When God wants to give you honour, He will put wisdom on your life for with wisdom, you will say and do things that will facilitate honour into your life.

“³⁰ Wherefore the Lord God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the Lord saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed” 1 Samuel 2:30.

This verse shows us that God gives honour to people and He gives honour to those who honour him. You can’t honour God and not receive His honour.

SEVEN PERSONALITIES WHO RECEIVED HONOUR FROM GOD

The reason we want to check this is for you to know that if some people received honour from God, then, you can receive it from God. Whatever God does for one, He can do for all.

1. MAN

“⁴ What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? ⁵ For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.” (Psalms 8:4-5)

Here we see that the Psalmist said that God crowned man with glory and honour. Now, what is the honour God bestowed on man? It means that every creature that God creates on earth must always see man as the king – Man is the one to have dominion. The king is the one that has the crown on his head.

“²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.” Genesis 1:28.

The blessing God put upon man is the crown God puts upon man. And the crown he put on man is honour and glory. That is, every creature that God creates, when they look upon man, there is something in them that will tell them they have to respect this personality. That is the reason every animal will always fear man. Because they know that even though man doesn't appear as a powerful entity, yet they have to respect this personality.

It takes honour for you to be respected. The reason all animals respect man is because there is something God placed upon them. Let me unveil this mystery. Why do you think lions don't fear men? The reason lions don't fear men is because God made the lion the king of all the wild beasts. God put a certain kind of honour upon the lion. The reason lions don't fear men is because the lion has honour just as man has honour. The only difference is that man has a

higher honour above that of the lion because man has the Spirit (Breath) that is not found in the lion.

2. NEBUCHADNEZZAR

“¹⁸ O thou king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour” Daniel 5:18.

It is obvious from the scripture that God puts honour upon king Nebuchadnezzar. The surprising factor is that he was a gentile king not an Israelite. The fact is that honour is not a believer or unbeliever's matter, it is a matter of man. As long as you are a man, you are qualified to receive honour. The benefit we have in Christ Jesus is that the honour of Christ is conferred on everyone who believes in Jesus.

3. SOLOMON

¹³ And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.” 1 Kings 3:13.

Solomon didn't ask for wisdom, but God bestowed it on him. Solomon wasn't only given wisdom; He was also given honour. In fact, Solomon was the wisest, wealthiest, richest and the most honourable on earth in his time. Whatever God gives come in excess.

4. JEHOSHAPHAT

“⁵ Therefore the Lord stablished the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honour in abundance.” 2 Chronicles 17:5.

This verse makes it clear that honour is in levels. You can have honour in

abundance. Your honor can be so much. There are some people that their honour is limited and there are some people that their honour is in abundance. Those that have honour in abundance are more respected and admired than some other people. And your honour can be in abundance too. That's what God did for Jehoshaphat.

5. HEZEKIAH

"²⁷ And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour: and he made himself treasures for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of pleasant jewels." 2 Chronicles 32:27.

King Hezekiah also had riches and honour in excess.

6. DAVID

"⁵ His glory is great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him." Psalms 21:5.

This Psalm was rendered after David became king, and this verse was referring to the king. David was simply saying that God laid honour on him.

7. JESUS

"For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: ⁴¹ I receive not honour from men." John 5:22,41.

In other words, He meant that the honour He had was not given to Him by men, but the Father gave Him the honour. It is highly important to know that the Father honoured Jesus and you are the Son of God too just like Jesus is the Son of God. So if the Father gave honour to Jesus, that means the father can give you honour. These are things we see about individuals in scriptures that received honour from God, and you also can receive honour.

UNDERSTANDING HONOUR

If all of these people received honour, admiration and respect from men, then, you can too. If you are not regarded and valued by men, it therefore means honor is missing in your life. What is simply missing in your life is not anointing. What is missing in your life is honour and you have to possess it.

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EFFECTS OF GOD'S HONOUR ON A MAN

The whole central focus is to take us deeper to show us more things about honour. Honour is not just something that should be a form of knowledge to you, but should be something you experience and enjoy.

“Wherefore the Lord God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the Lord saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.” 1 Samuel 2:30.

Obviously from this scriptural passage, it is seen that God can honour people. And God has said Himself that He will honour those who honour Him. So if you are the kind of personality that honours God, one thing is certain, God will honour you. God exalts His word above His name. God is always faithful to His word, so if He has said it, one thing is certain, He will definitely do it. He has assured that those who honour Him, he will honour them. And those who dishonour Him, He will dishonor. To be dishonoured is to be lightly esteemed. It is my prayer for you today that you will not do things that will cause God to dishonour you.

Let us see the effects of God's honour below:

1. **You will be more honourable than your brethren:** Anytime you see the word brethren in the scriptures, it refers to siblings and contemporaries (colleagues). When God puts honour on you, you will be more honourable than your brethren. *“And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, because I bare him with sorrow.” 1 Chronicles 4:9.* The verse that followed the above verse reveals that Jabez prayed to God and God answered his prayers. What did God do to Jabez? God put honour upon Jabez and he became more honourable. When you are more honourable, it means you are more respected than others. Jabez was more respected, more honourable than his brethren (contemporaries). He was singled out among his mates and equal. And I believe you will be singled out too among your mates and equals when God puts honour upon your life.
2. **You are more honourable in the sight of important people:** *“Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who is so faithful among all thy servants as David, which is the king’s son in law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house?” 1 Samuel 22:14.* It is clear from the above verse that David was more honourable than other people serving in the king’s palace. Honour from God will always distinguish you and will make important people to value you. Saul was an important phenomenon. And we see from scriptures that God made David important in the king’s house.
3. **You are honourable in the country:** *“And he said unto him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honourable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go.” 1 Samuel 9:6.* There are some people when they mention their name in their country, everybody in the country honours them. But there are some people when they mention their name, even their family members have forgotten them. It takes Honour for your country to know you.
4. **You are honourable to God:** *“Wherefore the Lord God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the Lord saith, Be it far from me; for them*

that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.” 1 Samuel 2:30. God will see you as someone important, God will respect you. Isn't it amazing that God can respect a man? And I pray may you be moved to do things that will make God respect you in the name of Jesus.

HOW TO HONOUR GOD

1. **Honour and respect God from your heart:** *“Wherefore the Lord God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the Lord saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.”* 1 Samuel 2:30. If you respect God from your heart, you will respect the men of God He has put over you. To disrespect men of God is to disrespect God. You can't see God physically. Men of God are God's representatives to you. When you respect a man of God from your heart, you have honoured God from your heart. You don't respect a man of God because of his personality but because of the God He carries. Another way you respect God from your heart is that you respect His word. If you don't respect or cherish the word of God, that means you don't honour God. How you honour the word of God in your heart is that you do whatever the word says. Whatever God says in His word is what He is still saying today. When you honour a man of God and the word of God from your heart, then, you have honoured God.
2. **Honour God with your possession:** *“Honour the Lord with your possessions and with the firstfruits of your increase.”* Proverbs 3:9. Your possessions are the properties you have. You must honour God with the properties you have. If what you have (car, house, and so on.) are too big to give to God then you don't honour God with your possession. When you honour God with your possession, He will honour you with His prosperity. Those who give what they have are the ones that receive what He has.
3. **Serve God:** *“If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.”*

John 12:26. You have to serve God. When we serve God with the whole of our heart we are trying to make God to honour us. God honours those who serve Him. Service is a proof that you honour God. You serve God by taking responsibility in the house of God, being part of the workforce. Don't just come to church and do nothing in the house of God, take responsibility, be a worker in the church.

4. **Give to God what belongs to God:** You don't eat or take what belongs to God. *"They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."* Matthew 22:21. There are certain things that belong to God. For example, your tithes belong to God. You have to give your tithe to God. Your tithe is not for you. If you don't give to God what belongs to God, then you are dishonouring God. We have too many Christians that dishonour God. Your tithe belongs to God and you have to give it to God.
5. **Win Souls:** *"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins soul is wise."* When you are wise you have honour and when you are wise you win souls. Those who win souls receive honour from God. Because souls are the desires of God. When was the last time you preached to somebody? The last time you preached to somebody was the last time God honoured you. That's very important. We all have to start talking about Jesus everywhere to people. Talk about Jesus.
6. **Praise God regularly:** *"And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,"* Revelation 4:9 We see that the four living creatures are always praising God, that's what they do day and night. When you praise God regularly, God will honour and respect you. The proof that God honours you is that you have access to His presence regularly. If you complain regularly you can't earn the honour of God. When you praise God regularly, that is showing respect to God – God will show more respect to you. That's the way you receive honour from God. Henceforth, you will begin to receive more respect from people and not just from people but God Himself. Since you wear honour like cloth, everything is compelled to honour you. People can see the garment of honour but the honour you wear programs

the mind of people to honour you. You will not force men to respect you, when they see you, they will just want to respect you and that must be the personal experience of all children of God.

UNIQUE THINGS GOD DOES FOR A MAN HE DECIDES TO HONOUR

1. **Anyone God decides to honour, God will confirm the word of that person:** *“And he said unto him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honourable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go. 1 Samuel 9:6.* From this verse, we see that one of the descriptions of Samuel is that Samuel was a honourable man and all that he said surely came to pass. The proof that all that you say comes to pass is a sign that God honours you. When you see someone whose words don't come to pass, that's a sign that God doesn't honour that person. This is something all believers; not just pastors or men of God should cherish. Your word must always come to pass and one of the ways God does that is that He confirms your word. He causes your word to always come to pass.
2. **When God decides to honour a man, God lifts that person to a position of honour above others:** *“And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the Lord thy God, as he hath spoken.” Deuteronomy 26:19.* This means God will put you in a position where other nations will look up to you. In other words, when God decides to honour a man, God elevates that man to a position of honour. That man doesn't need to request or demand for honour because the position itself will compel men to honour that man. You need honour to get to certain positions in life. When God places you honour on you, that honour automatically qualifies you to be positioned in certain offices of influence and affluence. So honour is one of the ways through which God positions men in life.

That's why you must not joke with honour. If you want men to always recommend you for good positions, you should believe that it is not just your qualification or skill that will earn you certain positions. When God places honour on you, something that cannot be seen or explained just compels men to see that you are qualified to be made a director or given certain positions. So God places honour on you and that honour positions you for places and positions of honour that other people may not have access to.

3. **When God decides to honour you, He makes people name their children after your name:** Judges 13:17 says *"Then Manoah said to the angel of the Lord, 'what is your name, that when Your words come to pass we may honor You?'"* Manoah asked the angel for his name after the angel gave the prophecy of the birth of Samson. The reason Manoah (Samson's father) asked for the name of the angel is so that when the baby was born, he could be named after the name of the angel. In other words, if Manoah and his wife now decides to name the baby after the name of the angel, they have simply honoured the angel. When you name your baby after the name of a man, you have simply honoured that man. And here is the secret power of this dimension – whatever honor found on that man will definitely reflect in the life of that baby.
4. **When God decides to honour a man, He makes celebrities and authorities to seek the help of that man:** If God places honour on you, those in positions of authority and celebrities (popular people) will seek your help. Go and check every man or woman that God places honour on, one thing you'll see is that, people seek the help of such persons. Those in authority, popular people seeks the help of such persons. *"For I will promote thee unto very great honour, and I will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people."* Number 22:17. Kings are people in authority. The number one figure in the country of Moab said to Balaam *"I will honour you greatly. I need your help. Please come and help me curse these people."* Here is it: God put the prophet Balaam in a spiritual position of authority that the king of the Moabites could not access. The king of the Moabites is a political authority but

Balaam was a spiritual authority. So one of the things God does when He wants to honour a man or woman is that He puts such person in a position of authority in the spirit realm that makes those in political authority and some celebrities to seek the help of that person. 1 Samuel 15:30 “Then he said, ‘I have sinned; yet honour me now, please, before the elders of my people and before Israel, and return with me, that I may worship the Lord your God.” When God places honour on you, those in authority – CEOs, Directors, etc. will seek your favor. And you don’t have to be a pastor. When we talk of God placing honour on you, you have to be in a position of spiritual leadership – Pastor, Bishop. There is something God just puts on you that makes those in authority just need you. There is something God can put on you that will make those in authority and Celebrities need your help. That’s one of the reasons you must go for honour. You must treasure honour. It must be your desire that “God should cause His honour to rest upon your life.”

5. **When God decides to honour a man, he creates events that will cause kings to delight to honour that man:** *“On that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king.” Esther 6:1.* God placed honour on Mordecai and also created an event that will make the king seek to honour Mordecai. Here is it, when God places honour on you, all the good that you’ve done in the past will be remembered by men. Mordecai had done the good in the past. He has done the king a favor in the past but was not remembered nor favored. But when God placed honour on him, the king remembered. So honour will cause kings to remember to value you. So if you have done things in the past and people don’t remember or didn’t appreciate you – Go and get honour. When you get honour, they will be compelled to remember you, compelled to delight to honour you.
6. **When God decides to honour a man, he causes your enemies to honour you:** Leave your enemies, go and get God’s honour. When you get God’s honour into your life, one thing is certain, all your enemies will be forced to reckon with you. All your enemies will be forced to bow to you. *“And let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the*

king's most noble princes, that they may array the man withal whom the king delighteth to honour, and bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour." Esther 6:9. When God places honour upon your life, your enemies will be forced to submit to you. Leave your enemies! Leave your haters! Go and get honour into your life. When honour comes upon your life, your haters will be compelled to honour you.

7. **When God decides to honour a man, he gives you the hearts of many people:** *"In the multitude of people is the king's honour: but in the want of people is the destruction of the prince."* Proverbs 14:28. God has to give you the heart of multitude before you can have multitude to your side. So when God places honour upon your life, the hearts of many people will be open to you – they will just want to be on your side. Favor opens the heart of men to you but I also found out that honour opens the heart of men to you. And one thing is certain, when the hearts of men are opened to you, men are compelled to honour you. Anyone that you see that doesn't honour you is because the heart of the person is not opened to you. When the hearts of men are opened to you, they are compelled to honour you. And you cannot open the hearts of men, it's only God that can open the hearts of men. And one of the ways God causes the hearts of men to be opened to men is that he places honour upon someone and that honour programs the heart of other people and opens their hearts and they are compelled to honour you.
8. **When God decides to honour a man, he defends him and fights for him:** *"And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den."* Daniel 6:24. God defends you and God fights for you. God can fight for a person. Psalm 35:1 says "Plead my cause O Lord, with those who strive with me. Fight against those who fight against me."
9. **When God decides to honour a man, he gives that man preferential treatment:** In other words, what God doesn't give other people – God

gives that man. The anointing God doesn't give other people he gives that man. The wisdom God doesn't give other people he gives that woman. The skills God doesn't give other youths he gives that youth. When God places honour on you, you get what other people cannot get or what other people don't get from God. *"For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."* 2 Peter 1:17. Peter talked about an attestation that was made about Jesus at the mount of transfiguration. How that a voice came, and said *"this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased, hear him."* Now, that thing that was said concerning Jesus is preferential treatment. Why? God never said that to anybody in the universe. That was only said concerning Jesus. That's why men are not equal. You have to just co-operate with anyone that you see that God has placed honour on. When you perceive God has placed honor on a person, it doesn't matter whether that person is an elderly person or a young person, just cooperate with that person. There was a statement that was made concerning Jesus. That statement was not declared concerning John. It was only declared concerning Jesus. Peter and all the apostles had no option than just to cooperate with that. One thing I believe also is that when you look at the lives of the apostles, God also gave them preferential treatments. Imagine the anointing that was put upon Peter that even the shadow of Peter could heal the sick. Those are things that compels honour. If you work in a workplace and you have some intelligence – Financial or strategic that other people don't have, that will bring honour to you. When you have the skills that other people don't have or you have the thinking quotient that other people don't have, that will bring honour to you. In other words, when God wants to place honour on you, He will give you something He does not give other people.

10. When God decides to honour a man, He reveals secrets to that man:

"Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven." Daniel 2:19. God revealed secrets to Daniel. Daniel went to pray with his friends but God did not reveal the secret to the friends of Daniel. God revealed the secret to Daniel. You realize that it was

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Daniel that was promoted by the king and Daniel later recommended his friends for promotion. When you read further, another thing you'll see is that the king Nebuchadnezzar stood up and prostrated before Daniel. Do you know what it means for a king to prostrate before a mere man? The king prostrated before Daniel – that is honour. Honour compels you to receive what kings cannot give to other people.

I Pray for you that honour becomes a personal experience for you. There are people that enjoy honour. Honour becomes what you enjoy in the name of Jesus. A life without honour is a life of shame. Life is not worth living if you don't have honour because people will just push you aside. People see you as a mere person when you don't have honour upon your life. You cannot buy God's honour with money. No! God chooses to give it to whomever He chooses to give it to.

SYMBOLIC ELEMENTS OF HONOUR

1. **Honour is a crown:** You don't wear crowns on your leg, you wear crowns on your head. So when God puts honour on the life of a man (the head of a man), God has put a crown on that man. I hope you know that a king will be in the palace and the king will have to put his crown on his head. Everybody enters that palace and everybody prostrates before the king, they are compelled to honour the king. Why? Because there is something the king has on his head that other citizens don't have on their head. Other citizens can have caps on their heads but only the king has crown on his head. May God put crown on your head. There are many people in our world today that what they have on their head spiritually are caps. I've seen men dress to parties and put nice caps on their heads but there is no crown on their heads. And you know what? This crown is invisible; you can't see it. But even though it is invisible, it has the power to control everything that is visible. Honour is a crown that God puts on the head of people. Don't just have caps on your head, have crown on your head. Psalms 8:5 says *"For You made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honour."* Honour is a crown and when God puts it on you, it means God has put a crown on you. Hebrews 2:9 says *"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the*

suffering of death crowned with glory and honour, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone." Jesus was crowned with glory and honour. Angels are not crowned with that kind of honour. Two entities that wear a crown – that wear honour on their heads as a crown are: **Men** and **Jesus**, And whatever Jesus wears, all believers wear it alongside with him. Honour is a crown. I pray that may you not go with a cap on your head and lack crown on your head. It is better you to receive a crown from God and wear that crown – and you know people cannot see that crown. But when you wear that crown, even though people cannot see what is on your head, they will be forced to honour you. It takes the crown to be honoured.

2. **Honour is a Location and Vehicle:** *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."* (2nd Corinthians 5:17) *"Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish."* Psalms 49:20. Just like all believers can be in Christ – men can be in honour. A man can be in honour – Honour is a location. In other words, you are in honour. Imagine sitting in a car, if you want to go from one location to another, the car goes everywhere. In other words, when you are in honour; it drives you everywhere. Honour carries you everywhere. Honour is a location that can move. May you not lack honour on your head. You know there are some people that are out of honour, they are not in the location and vehicle of honour. May you not be out of honour. May you be permanently positioned in honour forever and ever. When you are in honour forever and ever, people are compelled to honour you. When you are in honour, no devil can insult you because it's a location. Honour will carry you to places your mind may not capture now.
3. **Honour is a garment:** *"Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty."* Psalms 104:1. God is clothed with honour. If God is clothed with honour, a man can also be clothed with honour. *"Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come."* Proverbs 31:25. In other words, strength and honour are clothes. If it is a cloth, then you have to wear it. In other words, just

as God wears honour as a cloth, a virtuous wife also wears honour as a cloth. If a woman can wear honour, that means a man can wear honour. Honour is a garment; it is a cloth that you can wear. Honour is a crown that must be on your head. Honour is a cloth that you must wear. And you know what? Honour is a location that you must live forever and ever. Honour is a vehicle that can also carry you wherever you go. Just as you are in Christ, you must be in honour forever and ever. You need the crown of honour; you need the garment of honour; and you need to be in the location and vehicle of honour.

BEWARE OF FALSE HONOUR

Beware of false honour. False honour can destroy you; that's why you need honour from God. One of the lifestyles I have developed over time is that I would not relate with a person that gives false honour to a person.

"And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people: ¹² They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people." 1 kings 21:9,12.

When men show false honour, they are setting you up for destruction. That's why God doesn't joke with men who honour him with their hearts and not with ordinary lips.

"Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:" Isaiah 29:13.

If you will last in life, you must discern early those who honour you from their heart differently from those who honour you with their lips. If you are working in a place – a company, when men are praising you too much, you must always find out whether the honour comes from a pure heart or just from the lips of the tongue. Both the heart and lips of men are full of deception, but there are people with pure heart.

The deception from the lips of men may push you into the pit. You need to be very sensitive to discern the false from the real. You should avoid exaggeration and flattering. Never say what you don't mean to people. You can complement men but avoid going to the extreme by flattering people. When you praise them, ensure you mean what you say from your heart. You must avoid praising a person before him and stabbing him behind him. Whatever you cannot say before a person, you must avoid saying it behind that person.

I remember one time, I wanted to give an assignment to someone to do something, the person is a pastor. And God said to me, don't give this assignment to this person; give it to another person. And I was thought but "I love this person, I want to give this thing to this person" but He said, "No! It was later God revealed that this person doesn't honour me from his heart, but honour me from his lips." It was then I knew that if God wants to help you, He will always expose the hearts of men to you so that you will not fall into their trap and their deception.

If you want to go far in life, learn to discern if men are truly honouring you from their hearts or from their lips. And also you must not honour men with your lips alone. If you will not honour anyone from your heart; never attempt to show some false honour because those things have a way of implicating you subsequently later. May the Lord grant you understanding in the name Jesus.

SITTING WITH PRINCES

1 Samuel 2:6-8 says *"The Lord kills and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and brings up. The Lord makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up. He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the beggar from the ash heap; to set them among princes and make them inherit the throne of glory."*

The above scripture reveals that God can lift the poor up and set them among princes. The seat of princes is referred to the seat of honor. In other words, there is something God can do in the life of a person that will make that person to be among the honorable.

Proverbs 22:29 says *"Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand*

before kings, He will not stand before unknown men.” To excel in your work is to be diligent in your work. Diligence will bring a man before kings. Unknown men are ordinary people in the society. Diligence will make you to stand before honorable men not before ordinary men. That means your attention and service will be needed by the prominent figures in your society.

It is one thing to stand before kings, it is another to sit with kings. Diligence will cause you to stand before kings, but God will cause you to sit with kings. The moment God bestows honour on a person, the status posture of that person automatically changes. Where those older and experienced than him or her cannot sit, the person will sit there. Anyone God decides to honour, He lifts to sit with kings in the society.

You must be diligent in life for diligence will stand you before kings. But you must not just stand before kings in life. That will only make you enter important places but cannot sit on the same table with important people. You must trust God to lift you up in life early and bestow His honour on you to sit with important people. The president of your country must desire to sit on the same table with you. Monarchs and eminent in your society must desire to be around you. That is what will happen when the Lord lifts you up to sit with princes. God lifts people up by giving them vision or position in a notable organization. Your vision and position are your lift. Until you work out your vision or positioned higher, you cannot be lifted.

1 Samuel 9:22 says *“Now Samuel took Saul and his servant and brought them into the hall, and had them sit in the place of honor among those who were invited, there were about thirty persons.”* It is so amazing that Samuel had a place of honour reserved for some special people in his house. And it is wonderful to see that Saul and his servant were made to sit in that place of honour. Even the servant sat in the place of honor. May you begin to sit in the place of honour from now on.

WHO SHOULD YOU GIVE HONOUR TO?

The way God gives things to us is that He sends His word. When words are sent – things are sent. The Bible says “*He sent his words and healed them.*” In other words, God wanted to send healing to the people and what He did was that He sent the word. The word then becomes the channel through which healing comes. So when God wants to send honour into your life, He sends the word. And when you receive the word – the message on honour into your spirit, what happens is that honour comes into your spirit.

The moment you receive the message of salvation and you confessed the Lordship of Jesus, the life of God and the Spirit of God is imparted into your spirit. So, when the message of honour enter into you, meditate on it – let these words soak your spirit and you will see how you will begin to manifest honour in every area of your life.

“Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.” Romans 13:7.

“The earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.” Psalm 24:1.

According to this scriptural passage, this is Paul the Apostle speaking here and he told the Romans that they should give taxes to those who deserve to be

given taxes. And you know taxes are given to the government. That's what Jesus Himself said, you will remember He told the people *"give unto Caesar what belongs to Caesar..."* What Jesus was simply trying to say is *"Give to God your Tithes and give to government your Tax"*.

Taxes are for government – the tithes are for God. And that should be the practice of everyone who is really serving God, who really believes in the Lord Jesus Christ. You give your taxes to the government and you give your tithes to God. You give taxes to government because they are in charge of the land but you give tithes to God because God is the owner of the earth.

WHO DESERVES HONOUR?

1. **We are to honour God:** *"Wherefore the Lord God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the Lord saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed."* ¹ Samuel 2:30. We are commanded to honour God. Honour is something that you don't joke with. And what is honour? We defined earlier that honour is to give respect and admiration to somebody. When you respect somebody from your heart and you place value on someone from your heart – that is honour. So if you truly honour God it means you respect God from your heart. It means you place a high value on God from your heart – and that is important. You have to know that honour for God is something that flows from the heart first – it has to flow from your heart. You have to also honour God with your possession. If what you have is too big to give to God, then you don't honour God. Whoever you honour, whatever you have should not be too big to give to that person.
2. **Honour your Biological Parents:** *"Honor your father and your mother," and, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* ² Matthew 19:19. *"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. ² Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; ³ That it may be well with*

thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.” Ephesians 6:1-3. You are to honour your father and mother. You should respect, admire them from your heart. All children should place a high value on their parents. That is highly important. Let me say this, most of the time, parents can have their excesses but regardless of that, you are commanded to honour your parents. You may be enlightened, more educated than your parents but you are to honour them. You are a balloon of shame if you honour your boss, mentors, guardians, sponsors but dishonour your parents. Some fools honour their lovers, spouses, boyfriends/girlfriends more than their parents – that’s wrong. You have to honour your parents – that’s very important. It is a command from scripture. You are a mere man if you find it easy to dishonour your parents.

3. **We are commanded to Honour the kings:** When we talk about the kings, we refer to leaders: presidents of your country, governors of states, people in political offices – you are to honour them. They are the king. *“Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.” 1 Peter 2:17.* It is very important for you to honour the kings. Anyone in the position of authority must be respected from your heart. You are to place high value on them.
4. **Honour all men:** *“Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.” 1 Peter 2:17.* Many people desire to be honoured but they don’t want to honour others. As a matter of fact, you should always take initiative to do to others what you want them to do to you. If God says those who honour me I will honour. That shows that God honours people. Since God honours people, who are you not to honour people. If God as God The Creator, the Father, the Judge decides Himself willfully without being forced or coerced to honour people, how much more a man? You have to honour all men not because you have to do it, but because we are commanded in scripture to do that. It’s not just a suggestion. Your opinion is not needed, your ideology doesn’t count. You have to obey what the scripture says. To honour all men is a command in scripture given to all believers. *“Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;” Romans 12:10.* Paul said every

one of you give preference to one another. In other words, give respect to one another. There is something very common in the old saints that is not common with the younger generation. The old saints, you hear them calling each other “brother” or “sister”. They use the title brother/sister just as a form of honour. You see an elderly person calling a young person “brother.”

RELIGION OR RESPECT

I remember when I was younger before I became the assistant pastor of a church. There was this pastor who was transferred to our church. This man was around sixty-eight (68) years old when he was transferred to our church then. And this man would always call me “*Brother Niyi*”. This man has many children that are older than me – I was just around nineteen to twenty years old as at that time. And imagine a man of sixty-eight years calling a boy of nineteen to twenty years old as “*Brother Niyi*” – I mean that respect was there. That act alone communicated to me that I’m important and that is needed. I’m really grateful to God for that man. We need to bring back that culture. This younger generation haven’t learn it. I remember I called someone, “*Brother...*” and he told me “sir don’t call me brother, call me by my name. I’m comfortable being called by my name”. He further stated that he didn’t like that religious practice.

No! It is not a religious thing if you are called brother or sister. It is a sign of honour. The old saints, the elders in faith who we see calling themselves brothers or sisters didn’t do it as religion. They did that because they wanted to honour one another. It is a command and we have to restore this thing back. We have to revive this thing back to the body of Christ. This thing is something that cuts across all cultures. Honour is relevant in all cultures. There are some things that are not applicable in some cultures but not honour. Every culture accepts honour. Every culture permits honour. Even in America, where it seems as though people don’t respect one another using the word brother or sister and the likes, you’d still realize that some of these American preachers caught this insight. For example, you hear “Brother

Hagin”, “Brother Copeland” e.t.c.

This is a sign of respect – a sign of honour. When we call ourselves brother or sister, it’s a sign of honour. Those who are ordained ministers – ordinands in the church like ministers, pastors, reverend, and so on. When we use their titles to call them, we are not being religious, we are not spiritualizing matters, we are honouring them. The titles are not just for recognition; they are a form of honour. And we have to honour people. If someone is not yet ordained – be free to call that person brother or sister. If you are still not comfortable calling someone a brother or sister, you could use mister or miss – it’s okay. Just ensure you honour people. It should be highly communicated.

HONOUR ALL MEN

1. Honour Your Masters

“Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.” 1 Timothy 6:1.

If you are a worker in a place and you have a CEO, you are to honor the CEO. If you have a boss above you at any level, you are to respect that person. If you are a teacher, lecturer working in a school or a university, you are to honour the Head of Department (H.O.D). Don’t say “well I’m older than him – No! You have to honour your masters.

2. Honour Widows

“Honour widows that are widows indeed.” 1 Timothy 5:3.

You should ensure you honour and respect widows who are widows indeed. These refer to those who have no means of support after losing their spouses.

3. Honour your spouse

“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.” 1 Peter 3:7.

You should honor your spouse. I love the way the man Peter puts this. It has always been said that the wife should honour the husband but we have not emphasize that the husband should honour the wife. But Peter is saying that husbands also are to honour their wives. You have to respect your spouse, don't talk to your spouse anyhow.

Ephesians 5:33 says *“Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.”* Paul also commanded that wives should respect their husbands. To respect is to honour. According to scriptures, both husband and wife are expected to honour each other. Any man or woman that finds it difficult to honor the other party has acted contrary to scripture.

4. Honour all ages

Irrespective of the age of the person – old or young, you are to honor all men and this includes all ages. Age is not a barrier. Don't disregard and dishonour anyone because of his or her age.

DOUBLE HONOR - AN ESTABLISHED COMMAND

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

The elders who labor in word and doctrine are church ministers – the church leaders. In other words, they are spiritual authorities and Paul said they have to be given double honour. In other words, the honour we give kings should not be more than the honour we give to spiritual authorities. We have to honour

spiritual authorities more than political authorities. We have to honour and respect our pastors more than the way we do the president of our country. That can be contradictory but that is scriptures.

People tends to honour presidents, governors, etc. more, maybe because of the position. They forget that those people are occupying political positions but these (elders) are occupying spiritual positions. They are spiritual authorities representing God to the people. As believers, we have to be such personalities that will give double honour to spiritual authorities. Those in the world may find it easy to respect and honour political authorities more than pastors and ministers of the gospel, but that should not be for believers. Believers should give double honour.

The honour you give the president of your country or CEO of your company should be doubled for spiritual authorities that God has placed over you. This is not an attempt to mean you should not respect political and business leaders, but to reveal to you that you should give more regards to ministers of God for they represent God to men on earth. When we talk about giving double honour to spiritual authorities, we are not worshipping men. We have to delete that concept – thinking that we want to start worshipping men. We are not worshipping men, we are only acknowledging God in men. When we give double honour to elders (spiritual authorities), we are only acknowledging God in men. As a matter of fact, any believer who doesn't respect spiritual authorities more than political authorities does not deserve to be honoured.

I have discovered that even political and business leaders are intelligent enough to give more respect to spiritual authorities. They know that God rules in the affairs of men. And since they cannot see God physically, they understand that His servants represent Him to men. That is the reason presidents, governors, business moguls give more respect to five-fold ministers – apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. They know that if they respect these individuals, the God in them will honour them back in return. When the president of a country or governor of a state knee before a man of God, such person have an understanding that he or she doesn't knee before the man of God but knee before the God in the man. The outcome of that will be that the living God in the man will honour that leader so much

before he acknowledges the God in the man by showing double honour to the man.

And you know what, you have to honour men of God – why? Can you see God? If you are to answer that question sincerely, you can't see God with your physical eyes. But God is in men. So if you cannot honour the men of God you see – the men who are God's spokesmen, God's mouthpiece, how will you honour the God you do not see with your eyes? You can't honour the God you didn't see when you find it difficult to honour His representative who you see?

Dishonour for men of God is a sign that you don't honour God in your heart – that's the truth. I understand that there are some men of God that have bad characters, they have some flops, some have gone to the extreme and done some things that are wrong and inappropriate. Some are dubious and have their flaws – you have to understand that men will be men. But much more it must be clearly noted that God wants you as an individual to honour the men of God he has placed over you. But not just to honour them – but to give them double honour.

FOUR KINDS OF PEOPLE YOU SHOULD NOT HONOR

1 Peter 2:17 says “*honor all people...*” Many don't know why I respect the young and old. The reason is this verse. There are four kinds of people you and I must not honor.

1. *Never honor anyone who doesn't honor the Lord. Proverbs 3:9-10; 1 Samuel 2:30*

If you can't give your possession to honour the Lord, you don't deserve to be honoured.

If you are too big to do God's word, obey His instruction and serve Him diligently, you don't deserve to be honoured.

2. *Never honour anyone who doesn't honour spiritual authorities and leaders. 1 Timothy 5:17*

You are to honour the kings (Presidents, governors, CEOs, and monarchs) but give double honour to your spiritual leaders (Pastors, ministers)

According to scriptures, you must honour your pastor more than the president your country. You give double honour to spiritual leaders. Worldly people or unbelievers may honour political leaders more than spiritual leaders but a believer should know that we are commanded to give double honour to our pastors.

Anyone who finds it difficult to honour spiritual leaders doesn't deserve to be honoured.

3. *Never honour anyone who dishonour his or her biological parents. Ephesians 6:2*

Parents can have their excesses but they must be honoured. You may be enlightened and educated than your parents, but you must honour them.

You are a balloon of shame if you honour your boss, mentor, guardian, sponsor but dishonour your parents. Some fools even honour their lovers more than their parents. Such shouldn't be honoured.

4. *Never honour anyone who finds it easy to dishonour elders.*

Age is not a factor for success but age should be honoured. It is both cultural and scriptural to honour those older than you.

BE INTENTIONAL TO HONOUR MEN

Honour is a seed, when you sow it, you will reap it. Dishonour too is a seed, you will reap it if you sow it. If you disrespect a person, no matter how the person loves you, the heart of such will disconnect from you. Sometimes, it is wisdom not to disagree with those who are ahead of you. Dishonour has always been the response of fools.

Disrespect is the easiest and quickest way to experience disconnect. Favor is canceled by dishonour. Honour for others preserve your favour in their

sight while dishonour destroy your favour with men. You can never enjoy the presence and attention of anyone you dishonour.

Honor is the key that releases what is within others to benefit you. When you don't honour men, you can't benefit from what is within them. Honour is like a crown you put on others, when they wear that crown, they will give you everything you desire.

The best way to preserve your honour is to preserve the honour of others first by honouring them regularly. When you help others keep their honour, they will help you keep yours too. In an organization or company, it is the duty of the head of the organization to make everyone feel important. The head of organization wants subordinates to honour them. However, honour must begin from the head downward. Don't expect honour from others when you failed to give it to others first. Scripture says, "*give and it shall be given unto you...*" Luke 6:36. When you give honour to others, others will in turn give honour to you.

When you honour others, they will want you to be in their lives. Honour establish your presence and personality in the heart of men. Both young and old desires to be honoured by others. The moment others see traces of dishonour in you, they will cut off from you. Dishonour is an odour, when you have it, you stink.

It is through honour you place demand on the grace of others. Honour triggers the grace of others to tell you what you need to hear. Your ears need to hear things. It is honour that will compel a grace to talk to you in a way you will understand. Honour will make men do for you what they don't do for others. Honour will make men tell you what they don't tell others. Honour will make men recommend you for positions you are not qualified for.

Honour will make men put you on platforms your experience, exposure and level shouldn't access. Honour will grant you access to the privacy of men. Honour will make men to permit you to walk side by side them. Honour will make men defend you and fight for you behind you. Honour will make the honorable to do things, say things that will make men to honour you. Honour will make men give you the task they should do.

Honour will make men send you to represent them. Honour will make you

to be called to certain meetings. Uncommon men share uncommon meetings. Honour will make men fight your battles with you. Honour will open doors to your grace.

Dishonour will close doors to your grace. I grew up in a circle of dishonour. Those people know things but they are not known. The way they speak have closed doors to them. Don't mind people when they say that it doesn't matter to be known by men as long as God knows you. If you can discern well, you will spot envy in their heart.

Check everyone who seemed to dishonour others and still making progress and advance, you will discover that that person has some people he or she honours in secret. There are people you must honor in secret regularly. Secret honour brings public recognition and recommendation. It is foolishness that makes people talk in a dishonourable manner in places.

Dishonour will make you say you don't fear anybody but God. God will even tell you He has told you in scriptures to fear some men. Romans 13:7 reveals that you should render fear to whom fear, honour to whom honour. Dishonour will hinder your light from shining. You are the light and have the light. Some people are the door and keys. Some people are not the doors but can open the doors.

When you dishonour those who have access to multiple doors, you can't shine. And if you shine, you can't shine beyond your city, workplace and field. One dishonour can close the door you opened through forty days of fasting and prayers. Honour can open a door that takes another person twenty-one days of fasting to open to you.

Honour will influence the heart of men for your sake. The heart of those who love you will hate you the moment they spot dishonour in you. Dishonour can break the support structure in your life. Your support structure are your workers, mentors, lifters, friends, etc. Dishonour will raise many enemies for you. Your success can create your enemies; dishonour can also create your enemies. When you dishonour those who are ahead of you, they will hate you.

Who honours you may not matter, but who you honour matters much. Those who honour you may not be instrumental to your advance, but those you honour really matter. God may use someone who hate your success to help

you, but will never use anyone you dishonour. Dishonour is an odor. whoever has it stinks.

You may be successful but not elevated. Hard work may earn you the success, honour will elevate you. Hard work is what you do, honour is what you give. If you don't give honour to who deserve it, who deserves it won't give you what you deserve.

You may be doing fine in life and succeeding, if you have dishonour, those who matter will exit your life. Your success or achievement cannot keep some people in your life. Your success will keep ordinary people in your life, your honour will keep honourable people in your life.

If you cannot manage your success, it will enter your head. And when success enters your head, you will despise, insult and dishonour who you should honour. Whatever success that has enter your head is your past. Dishonour that emanates from success will keep you in your past. When you show honour to men, you are opening the door for your future success. The door is the heart of men and honour can open any door to you.

There's nothing you achieve now that somebody hasn't achieve elsewhere. This I tell myself always. When you hear people who say 'I will talk my mind and nothing will happen,' you have seen a person with the spirit and seed of dishonour. Wisdom will teach you not to talk all your mind. It is the mercy of God that will cause you to recognize those that you should honoured early in life.

Honour can open doors to places your degree can't take you to. Yes. People can't recommend you when you have the character of dishonour. In life, it is not everybody you should confront. You must be a distributor of honour.

Many who dishonour people often think they are too special. You are not special to those who are relating with people that are above your level. It is your sense of honour that will make you special to them. If you are a company COO, are you special to a person who relates or command the respect of your CEO? If you are a lecturer, are you special to a person who relates or commands the attention of your VC? If you are a commissioner, are you special to a person who relates or commands the attention of your governor?

It is honour that can make you special. God Himself honours people. I will

honour those who honour me. That's the God who gives grace.

HOW WILL YOU SHOW HONOUR TO MEN?

1. Through your words

- Praise them for who they are and what they have done. Showing honour will not reduce you. Praising others will make them desire your presence.
- Tell it in their presence and to the world what they have done. They will do more for you when you do this. Make the world know who they are to you. If you are too big to tell the world that someone is your mentor or spiritual father, then, you have the seed of dishonour in you.
- Avoid saying words like 'I don't fear anybody,' 'I don't care,' 'I will say my mind.' And so on.

2. Celebrate them on their Birthdays

Rev. Biodun Fatoyinbo celebrated seventy-first (71) Birthdays of Dr. Mike Murdock in his church in Abuja. I tried to find out why he did that. Dr. Mike Murdock said, you will know those who value your impact and time by identifying those who celebrate your birthday. Rev. Fatoyinbo has only showed honour in a unique way by celebrating his mentor.

Many people, both known and unknown have a way of celebrating great men. I counsel that great people should have a system to identify those who celebrate them on their birthday. That will give you clues to those who value you. The way you honour men on their birthday is by celebrating them before the world – telling the world what they have done and what they mean to you – and by sending special gifts to them on or before their birthday. Whatever gifts you give them on their birthday should be something uncommon. If you will buy clothes, shoes, gadgets, etc., it should be uncommon. Doing this will create more space for you in the heart of those you honour.

I learned that a certain preacher has people who compile the names of those

who celebrate him on his birthday on social media and across places. Having gotten this knowledge, you too can do the same.

Those who celebrate you on their birthdays are those who honour you. You can decide to organize a birthday party for someone just to honour that person. You can decide to buy a precious and special gift for a person just to honour that person. The fact is that every time we honour men genuinely, we are sowing seeds which we will harvest in a season.

3. Through your giving

One particular month, someone sent money to my personal account about four times. How he got the account number I can't say. The person sent money again and again.

Then, at the 3rd time, I began to ask myself, what can I do for this person. For about two weeks, I kept thinking what I would do. One afternoon, an insight pop up. Wait till a certain year, you will do this and that for this person. So, by that year, the person will just see that I have personal interest in him or her, such won't know that it was the result of the honour that was sowed in the past.

When you honour others, they will think of how to honour you too. Your gifts to others will amplify your importance and relevance in the heart of those you give the gifts too.

4. Through giving special and uncommon treatment

Give special treatment to people and you will see the outcome of it. Always make people feel special when they are around you. Make people feel uncommon whenever they are around you or you are around them. You will always get the attention of anyone you give special and uncommon treatment to. Always make everyone feel good in a way they won't forget when they depart from you.

RETAINING HONOUR

“**A** gracious woman retains honour, But ruthless men retain riches.”
 Proverbs 11:6
 “A man’s pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honour.” Proverbs 29:23

It is one thing to receive honour, it is another thing to retain it. Having honour is not enough, you have to retain it. It is one thing for God to give you honour; it is another for you to retain the honour God gave you. God will give you but it is your duty to retain it. For example, if I take my pen and give it to you, I have given you but I won’t help you retain it. To retain is to keep. It is your duty to keep whatever you have been given. If I decide to give you a thousand dollars, I have given it to you and you can do whatever you like with it. It is your duty to keep that money. In other words, you should ensure that the money is not stolen or lost. I cannot come and help you keep what I have given you. what I have given you is now in your care. Whatever has been given you is now in your control.

Many people who received honour from God eventually lost it. Why? This is simply because they did not retain the honour God has given them. The reason you need to be schooled about retaining honour is because if you don’t retain the honour you have received, you will lose it. It is very costly to restore honour after it has been lost. The energy to restore honour after it has been

lost is very heavy and more than the energy to retain it.

FACTORS FOR RECEIVING HONOUR

1. **You have to be Humble:** *“Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.”* 1 Peter 5:5 *“Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility.”* Proverbs 18:12 A man can be clothed with humility. If you are not humble, you cannot be honoured. Go and check every man that is highly honoured, they are people who are extremely humble. I have seen people who are proud. Such people are never honoured in life. Even if people seem to honour them; those people know in their heart that they are only deceiving who they honoured. Go and check anyone who is honoured consistently by men, you will see that such person is extremely humble. Before God puts honour on you as a crown or cloth, He has to see that you put on humility. You have to wear humility before you wear honour. Peter reveals that a believer should be clothed with humility. That shows that humility is a garment. God resists the proud; He pushes the proud away. If you are humble, you will definitely be honoured because before honour is humility. You have to be humble first before you are honoured.
2. **You have to take to corrections consistently:** *“Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.”* Proverbs 13:18. Whoever regards correction will eventually be honoured. Correction will save you from unknown errors. The purpose of correction is to save or stop you from doing things that is likely to cause shame and reproach to you. One foolish act can destroy the honour that took you ten years to earn. To be corrected is to be saved from whatever can make you to lose honour. You are blessed to be corrected. Either you are corrected by the Holy Spirit or men, the fact is that you are saved.
3. **You have to be righteous:** When I mean righteous, I’m not talking about

being righteous in Christ Jesus. Of course, all believers are righteous in Christ Jesus according to 2 Corinthians 5:21, but much more you need to understand that the righteousness I am referring to is about your action. I mean being righteous – sincere, truthful, honest, doing the right thing and doing what pleases God. That is what it means to be righteous. I explained three kinds of righteousness in the book I wrote “**MULTIPLY**” you can get it and read it. *“He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.” Proverbs 21:21.* You can’t be righteous (doing the right thing) and you will not be honoured. Righteousness will make you do things that will make God and men honour you.

4. **You are to avoid immorality:** Immorality can bring dishonour to you. You can’t be honoured if you are immoral. *“Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:” Proverbs 5:9.* I’ve seen people who are honoured, respected but because they are immoral, people just lose the respect they have for them. So, even if God has placed honour on you, immorality can make you lose your honour. That’s why you must strive to ensure that you live a moral life. You must not be here and there, going around fornicating or committing adultery here and there. No! You have to be honoured and one of the ways to be honoured is to avoid immorality.
5. **You must never strive with anybody in life:** *“It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.” Proverbs 20:3.* Just be yourself. Don’t be envious of anybody, don’t be jealous of anybody – never strive. The word “strife” there means compete. You must never compete with anybody. Just be yourself. I don’t compete with anybody, I’m just myself. I always thank God for those who are doing fine. Whether you like it or not, there will be people you know who will be better than you in some areas. That’s the way God designed things. The worst thing is when you are trying to strive with those who are already ahead of you. Striving will set you up to do things that will lead to shame and dishonour. It will lead you to utter words you shouldn’t say. Don’t permit strife to push you to take actions that will bring shame to you or that

will bring dishonour to you. When you don't strive, you will retain your honour. I mean you are just yourself. Whatever level anyone gets too, just thank God for them. Whatever progress they've made, simply appreciate God on their behalf. Don't try to do anything in the physical to meet up because other people are going ahead. Just focus on yourself, trust God and you'll see what God will do for you.

6. **You have to be such that you regard your leaders and masters:** *"Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured."* Proverbs 27:18. Many people don't regard their leader either do they regard their master. Such should not be. It doesn't matter where you work: a company or governmental organization – you have to respect and honour your leader. You don't claim age, qualification, exposure, background, or even experience. You don't claim anything you just have to honour those ahead of you and those over you. I have seen instances where people who are due for promotion were not promoted because they dishonoured someone they should have honoured. Sometimes, stagnation or not being promoted could be because you dishonoured somebody that should be honoured. You have to be very sensitive to discern and identify who you need to honour. You have to know that wherever you are, honour will be cherished. Remember I said honour is a currency that is accepted in any culture. You can spend honour in any culture and anywhere on the face of the earth. When you travel to Europe – honour people there. Travel to the Asian continent – honour people there. Honour is a language every culture understands. Honour is applicable and can be spent anywhere. Wherever you work, ensure you honour your leader and master. Let it come from your heart.
7. **You must have multitudes to your side:** *"In the multitude of people is the king's honour: but in the want of people is the destruction of the prince."* Proverbs 14:28. If you are a business person for example, you must strive to have more customers or clients. You must have more workers. That makes you earn honour. A politician must strive to have more stalwarts (more supporters) and have strong people on his side. This is one of the ways through which a politician can earn honour. As a pastor of a church,

you must regularly seek to win souls. Move your people to win souls because as the Lord adds to your church regularly and consistently, you will discover that what is happening to you in the real sense is that God is increasing His honour through you. For example, if in a church there were twenty-five people in January and by June, there were about two hundred people in that church. Whether we like it or not, the pastor of that church will be honoured more than the way he was honoured when they were twenty-five in number. When the number of quality people in your life increase, you will definitely be honoured. That's why as a man of God, you must regularly work on soul winning and trust God to add to the church. If you are working anywhere and you want to be honoured, you must always seek strategies to increase the number of people that patronize you or find out the things you can do to increase the number of people who need your service. When you do that and everybody including your leaders, managers see that more people are patronizing the product because of you, you will definitely be honoured. Whoever can increase the numbers of people that comes to a place will always have more honour than others. Anyone who can always bring in new people will always have the respect of the leaders but much more beyond the leader – the respect of everybody in that circle. If you can always bring in more people to your side, you will always have the honour of the leader and the people. This is a principle that is applicable anywhere. It works in politics, business, academia, church organization, e.t.c. Ensure that the number of people that are added to the organization is always increasing and the increase comes through you. That is one of the ways to be honoured. I show you a powerful secret that is not known to many people. If many people who are working in some places actually know this secret, they will not strive with anybody or try to outperform or do what other people are doing. They will just seek to increase the number of people that come into that circle. Because they know that by increasing the numbers of people that come into that circle – their honour will increase. There is someone in our church, one of the reasons I have strong respect for that person was because more people have come into the church through that person more

than other people. Now this person has done some things that I didn't like but the reason I still love him was because he has done some things that really moved my heart – and I told him this. This person is always willing to do whatever I tell him to do. Always willing to do things and he will always go beyond my expectations. As a spiritual leader, I know him to always goes beyond my expectation. Now that kind of person will always earn my respect and honour. I can't permit anyone to dishonour that person, not because of anything but because when I looked, I see that more people have come into the kingdom through him. Why do you think Paul the apostle was recognized in the scriptures more than other apostles? If you check it very well, more churches were planted by Paul more than other people. Paul extended the kingdom to many places. If I'm to speak in the form of a church now, you'd realize that anyone who can win more souls than other people will have the honour of the pastor and other believers. Here is it, if the Pastor can honour the person, how much more God Himself? And this is a principle that works everywhere. Make up your mind to have multitude to your side. Always ensure that more people come into the space you are through you. Let it be that the people in an organization or company increase because your presence is there. Your presence in a place should always draw in more people to you where you are. More customers, more clients, more members, more stalwarts, etc. should come in to place through you. Your presence in a place will be so precious if you do that.

8. **You must be rich:** There is a level of honour you cannot receive when you are poor. In fact, poverty will always attract dishonour. Your riches will always position you to be honoured in life. Scripture says "*the rich rules over the poor,*" Proverbs 22:7. Ruling is a sign of honour. You must be rich early in life for riches is one of the elements that will draw honour into your life. The rich may have bad character but I have discovered that even with the bad character of the rich, they are still honoured. It must just be noted that bad character cannot retain honour. If you are humble but not rich, you may not be honoured in life. In fact, if you are not rich, you will be humbled. To be humble is different from being humbled. Riches

and wealth are signs that you are qualified to be honoured. When you have money, men will honour you. You must hate poverty and scarcity in your life. Lack or scarcity will make you a beggar and whoever you beg will never honour you. Strive to be rich in your life. Desire to be wealthy in your life. Notable and progressive people don't seek the counsel of a poor person. Ecclesiastes 9:15 says *"Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no one remember the same poor man."* If you are wise but poor, you can't be heard. One of the proofs of honour is that you are heard. That you are not heard is a sure signal that you are not honoured.

9. **You must be productive consistently:** There is a level of honour you cannot attract into your life without being successful at what you do. Successful people are honourable people. The fact remains that you cannot be honoured if you are lazy, idle and unproductive. To be productive is to be successful at what you do. When you are productive, you shall be honoured. Diligence is the doorway to productivity. If I can know how diligent you are, I can predict how productive you will be. Your daily progress is a function of your productivity. And when you make progress regularly, you will definitely be honoured. Productive people are result-oriented individuals. There is a way honour flows into the life of a person when the person produces visible results that will compel attention and attraction. Real honour is the one you get according to the results that you have produced, not according to your age. Strive to excel in your work and be result-oriented early. You will eventually see the results that will come out of your life.

TO REMAIN HUMBLE IS TO REMAIN HONoured

You have to be humble to be honoured. Also you have to continue to be humble to retain honour. There is a tendency that when you are honoured, there is this feeling that will come to your brain that will inform you that you are more

important than other people. I've been there before and God delivered me through his word. I once heard a great man of God in this country who said something of such has happened to him before but he was delivered. When God honours you and you are honoured, certain things begin to come to your brain. You begin to have a feeling that you are important and pride comes in. So the way you retain honour is to be more humble. The more you are honoured, the humbler you must be. Personally, in my life, I've experienced certain levels of honour, but I've learnt that the more you are honoured, the more humble you must be. I've seen old people who give me some honour that they don't even give people who are of their age. But I have realized that when men, especially, elderly people honour you, you must not take it for granted. You have to give them more honour. You have to give those people more honour than the one they give you. So you don't just say of course I deserve it. NO.

If you are a CEO of a company and then you are doing exploits automatically people will honour you, and give you the honour that is beyond your age. If you are a political appointee and you are given a political office, serving your nation, people will honour you – they'll just give it to you freely. You don't need to beg for it. But the point is that it now behooves on you to retain that honour because when you are honoured by people, it has a way of suggesting things to you. When people honour you, it is like they are telling you that they know that you are highly important. It is now left to you to use your intelligence. Trust God to help you never think and act that you are more important than them or that you deserve the honour. No! The more you are honoured, the more you should be humble. So when people honour you, let humility be your mindset. Let humility be in your heart that you will not think "yes I deserve it." No! when that happens, pride comes in and when pride comes in, destruction sets in. Remember that scriptures say: *"Pride goes before destruction"*. Destruction will come but destruction goes to the direction of the proud. Proverbs 29:23 says *"A man's pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor."* This thing that I'm sharing with you is an aspect that is very crucial. One of the reason I don't really relate with some people is because I see that they are proud. You don't need to say it, when I discern pride in your heart, I just find a way to disconnect from you because even God

himself resist the proud.

I'm a man of God and I've learned that your anointing cannot flow effectively in the direction of a proud person. It takes someone who is humble in heart, has a lowly mindset, someone who sees you as a highly important phenomenon to pull the anointing from you. The anointing only flows to the direction of the humble not the direction of the proud. So anytime I perceive or discern pride, I just find a way to disconnect because I know that my anointing cannot flow effectively. This is found everywhere, remember even Jesus Himself said "*a prophet is without honour in his own country...*" Why could Jesus not perform many miracles there? This is because anywhere you are not honoured, you anointing cannot function there. To retain honour is to be honoured forever. You must be honoured forever and ever. You must be honoured at old age not because of your age but for the honour you possess and retain. There are some people who are honoured because they are old and there are some who are honoured because they have honour. It doesn't matter even if you are in your twenties or in your thirties, if you have honour you will be honoured. In that proverb 29:23, the word "*spirit*" in that verse refers to the "*mind*". Someone who is humble in heart – in his or her thinking. Never think that you are more important than others. Whatever you become in life is a function of God's grace. When you have that kind of mindset, you will go far in life.

ARE YOU GRACIOUS?

"A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong men retain riches." Proverbs 11:16. Grace here doesn't refer to unmerited favor and the likes. To be gracious means to have a free heart of generosity. In other word, if you are very kind to people, you will be honoured. So that verse was referring to a *kind* woman. Anyone who is kind regardless of the gender, whether male or female will be honoured. You have to be kind, show kindness to people – show love to people. When people offend you, just be quiet, reject anger. Kindness to others will facilitate honour into your life.

ONE FOOLISH DECISION OR ACTION CAN DESTROYS YOUR HONOUR

“Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour.” (Ecclesiastes 10:1) Little folly here refers to anger. A honourable person who voiced is anger has displayed a little folly. Avoid little folly. Remember anger rests in the bosom of a fool. Anger, annoyance, telling lies, gossiping all these are little folly. One of the reason I don't have much respect for some people is because they gossip – little folly. Tale-bearing is a little folly. You have to avoid all of these things because they can bring stain to your honour. So when you are honoured and you get angry one day; you'd bring yourself done in the sight of everyone who has placed you high. The moment you earn the honour and respect of people, you have to be careful how you behave yourself in their presence. You have to be such personality that exercise control over your spirit so as to retain honour.

IMMORAL ACTIONS DESTROY IMMORTAL HONOUR

Immorality is a trap that makes men lose the honor God has given them. One day, a young lady told me how a certain pastor almost had sex with her. This lady revered this pastor so much but right from that time, the lady sees that pastor as an ordinary man. How the mighty falls! A man who was highly esteemed suddenly became someone that was belittled and mocked because of immorality. Proverbs 5:9 says “Lest you give your honor to others...” (NKJV). The Living Bible says “Lest you fall to her temptation and lose your honor...” This statement was a counsel to a man never to go to the path of an immoral woman. When you get into immorality, you lose your honor to that woman. Then, when you are caught, you lose your honor to those who catch you. One of the ways to retain your honor is to avoid immorality.

CORRECTION IS THE SECRET TO PRESERVATION OF HONOUR

Anyone that doesn't love to be corrected cannot preserve honor. We are corrected so we can adjust and avoid doing things that can make us lose what we have. To disregard correction, is to reject honor. Proverbs 13:18 says *"Poverty and shame will come to him who disdain corrections, but he who regards a rebuke will be honored."* When God and men know that you love to be corrected, they will always be eager to correct you when you are going off track.

INCREASING PEOPLE INCREASE YOUR HONOUR

Increase of people brings increase of honor. Proverbs 14:28 says *"In a multitude of people is a king's honor. But in the lack of people is the downfall of a prince."* The presence of many people in your life will bring honor to you. However, when those people leave your life, honor has left your life. Consistent increase of people leads to consistent increase of honor.

UNDERSTAND YOUR HONOR

"A man who is in honor, yet does not understand is like the beasts that perish."
Psalm 49:20

It is possible for God to bestow honour on a man and that man couldn't understand. You will know a person doesn't understand by the speech and actions of that person. When you see a person who still talk, joke, play the way he used to before honor was bestowed on him, such doesn't yet understand. When you don't understand the honor God has bestowed on you, you will think you are unworthy of certain honor men will give you.

It is possible for God to promote you rapidly that you are not able to catch up with the blessings that flows toward your direction. God can release you into honor speedily that it will be so obvious to everyone that you have changed levels, but you won't know. Others can see it that you have been moved into new levels, but because your understanding hasn't been opened, you will still

assume that everything is still happening the way it used to be. When certain honor is bestowed on you by God, there are certain places you must not go again. This is not because you are proud, but for you to be able to protect the honor God has bestowed on you. There is honor God can put on your life that will require that you must not be angry. If you mistakenly get angry, you have put a spot on your honor. So, it will be protective for you not to go to places where you will be angered or offended.

Scriptures reveals that when you are not aware of the honor on your life, you are like a beast that perish. This is not saying you should not relate with people again because honour is on you. This is just saying that you need to be aware of what you should not do and what you should do. To perish like a beast is to lose what God has given you and be treated like every other being. A prayer you should pray to God early the moment you begin to sense a change of level and status on your life is to be aware of the things you should do and not do in order to sustain the honor on your life.

When a person is not aware of the honour on his life, he will say what he should not say. He will do what he shouldn't do. He will go where he shouldn't go. Beyond prayers, you must learn about the protocol of honor. I pray that may you not lose the honor God has given to you in Jesus' name. if you don't know what God has given you, you will lose what God has given you.

CREATE A CULTURE OF HONOUR

Honour should not just be a practice but a culture. Every family, company, church, ministry must have a culture of honour. It must be built into the minds of everyone that we do all things with honour. The way we talk, relate, address people must be filled with honour.

One way you implement honour as a culture in an organization is that nobody should be called by name. A title must always precede the name of everyone – both young and old. Mr. or Mrs. should precede the name of everyone in a company or organization. In a church organization, brother or sister can

precede the name of everyone.

Every organization should have a training or book on the culture of honour. Respect and regard for one another has to be institutionalized in every organization. The way you immortalize honour is by institutionalizing it.



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