

# Honoring and Respecting Others

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# Recap

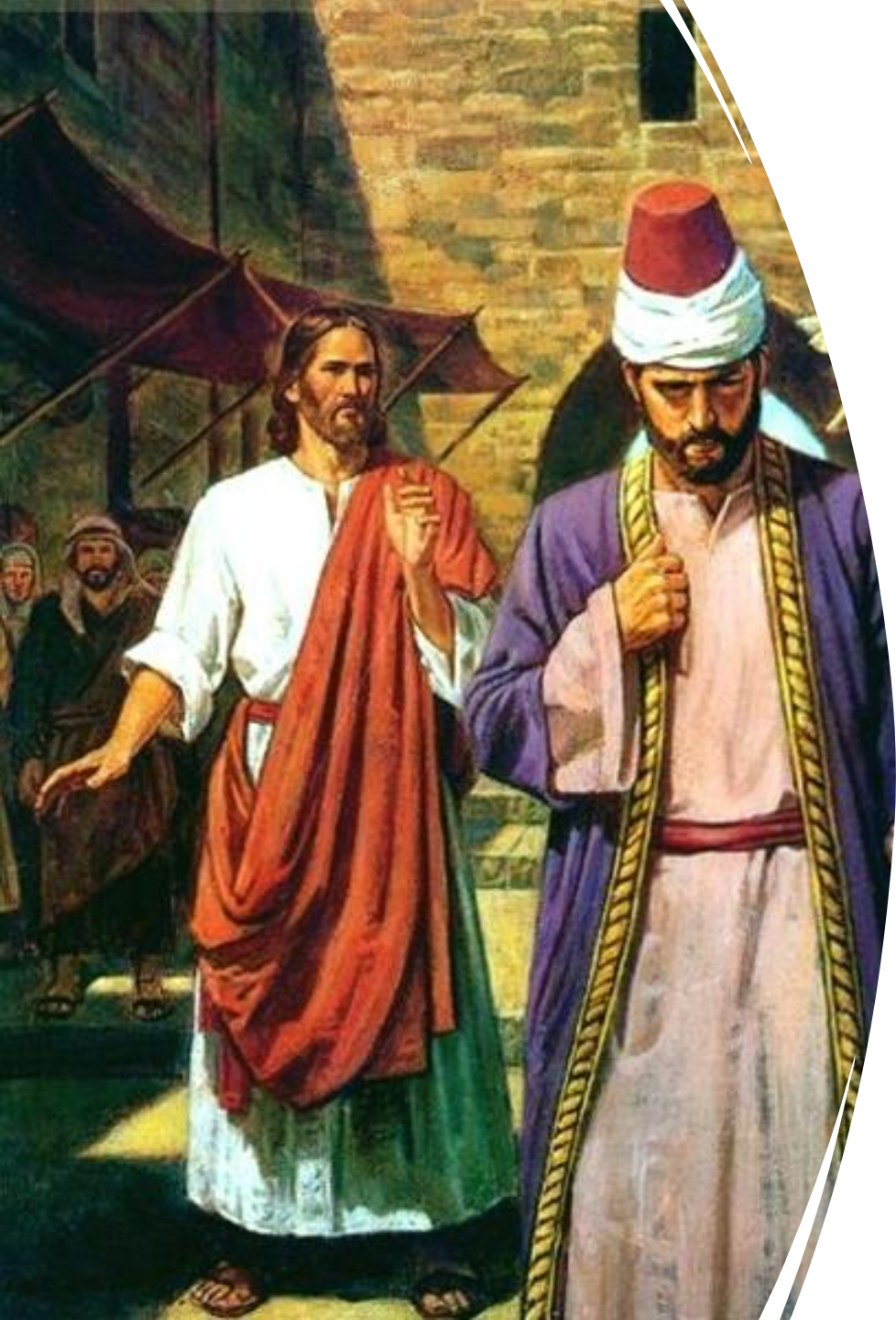
- To whom should we render honor?
- The Value of Rendering Honor
- Consequences of Dishonor
  - Dishonor Before God
  - Loss of God's Blessings
  - Hardens the Heart leading to Pride
  - Broken Relationships
  - Erodes the stability of the Family
  - Breakdown of Society

# 1. Be Punctual

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- "Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time." (Col. 4:5)
- **Punctuality is respect for others' time.**
- *"A disciplined life respects order and time, for in them God has placed wisdom."* (St. John Cassian)





## 2. Respect Boundaries

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- We can show others we honor them by respecting their boundaries.
- Rich Young Ruler



### 3. Acknowledging Others

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- The Lord Jesus often acknowledged people who were marginalized.
- EX: The woman with the issue of blood
- "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."  
(Jn. 13:34-35)



## 4. Put Others First

- "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself." (Phil. 2:3)
- We honor others showing preference to their needs.
- Allowing other to go first
  - EX: Elihu
    - "I waited for your words, I listened to your reasonings" (Job 32:11)
- "To prefer others is to mirror the love of God in our hearts." (St. Basil the Great)

## 5. Practice Order

- "Let all things be done decently and in order." (1 Cor. 14:40)
- *"A cluttered life leads to a cluttered heart, but order brings peace"* (St. Anthony the Great)





# 6. Express Gratitude

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- "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thes. 5:18)
- EX: The Cleansed Leper





# 7. Speak Honorably

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- "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification." (Eph. 4:29)
- "Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death, Is the man who deceives his neighbor, And says, 'I was only joking!'" (Prov. 26:18-19)
- Balaam and the Donkey
- *"A tongue that blesses brings healing, but a tongue that curses invites strife."* (St. Ephrem the Syrian)



## 8. Listen Attentively



- "So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath." (James 1:19)
- Listening attentively honors others' thoughts and opinions.
- EX: God listens to Job's questions and complaints (Job 3 – 31)



## 9. Obedience

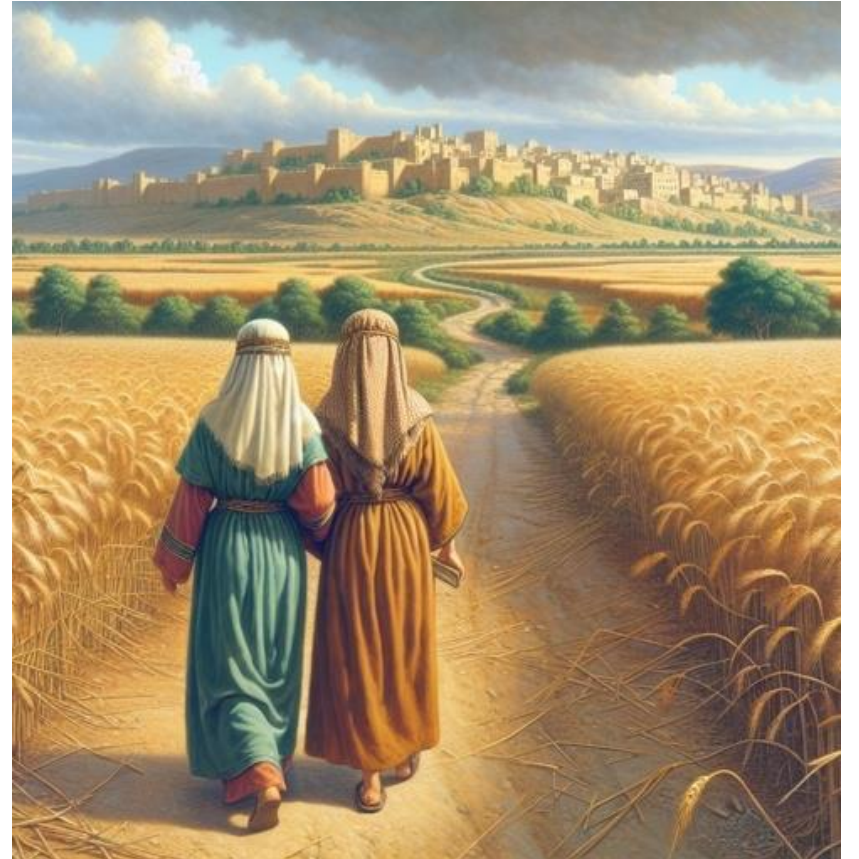
- "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." (Eph. 6:1)
- Obedience to parents, elders, and authorities reflects respect and honor for God's established order.
- The Lord Jesus submitting to St. Mary and St. Joseph as a child
- "Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart." (Lk. 2:51)



# 10. Serve Others

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- "...through love serve one another" (Gal. 5:13)
- Ruth serving Naomi with loyalty and love
- *"Service to others is the highest form of respect to God's image in them."* (St. John Chrysostom)





# Warning: Flattery

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- "A flattering mouth works ruin." (Proverbs 26:28)
- Flattery is insincere and manipulative
- "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men. Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" (Matt. 22:16-17)

# Conclusion

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- How can we honor others?
  - Be Punctual
  - Respect Boundaries
  - Acknowledging Others
  - Put Others First
  - Practice Cleanliness and Order
  - Express Gratitude
  - Speak Honorably
  - Listen Attentively
  - Obedience
  - Serve Others
  - Warning: Flattery
- "Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."  
(Matt. 25:40)