



THE LIVING ROOM / HONOR & REWARD / BEGINNER CLASS 02

02 HONOR BEGINS AT HOME

Exodus 20:12 · Ephesians 5:21-33 · Ephesians 6:1-4 · Colossians 3:20-21

01 The More Excellent Way	02 Honor Begins at Home	03 Honor in the Body	04 Honor in Society
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CENTRAL IDEA	WHAT YOU WILL DISCOVER
Kingdom honor should become visible first in our closest relationships. Before honor becomes something we display in public, it should become something the people closest to us can experience at home.	● Understand why honor must become visible at home. ● Learn how honor changes across family roles and seasons. ● Practice disagreement and correction without humiliation. ● Recognize that parents must also protect their children's dignity. ● Build a family culture where honor becomes an everyday practice.

BEFORE WE BEGIN

- 01 Why is it sometimes easier to honor strangers than our own family?
- 02 Does familiarity ever become an excuse for dishonor?
- 03 Can we disagree strongly at home without diminishing each other?
- 04 What does honor look like when a family relationship has been difficult or painful?
- 05 If our family learned honor only by watching us, what would they learn?

Honor Begins At Home

Kingdom honor should become visible first in our closest relationships. This class explores how honor shapes marriage, parenting, family history, disagreement, correction, and the everyday atmosphere of our homes.

01 Why Begin at Home?

Our closest relationships reveal whether honor is merely a public value or a way of life. Family sees our tone, impatience, habits, apologies, correction, and everyday choices. Kingdom culture must become visible where we are most known.

REFLECT

- Where is honor easiest for me to perform publicly but hardest to practice privately?
- What atmosphere do my words help create at home?

02 Honoring Father and Mother

Exodus 20:12 establishes honor within family life. Honor does not mean pretending every parent has behaved well. It means learning to respond without contempt while allowing truth, wisdom, safety, and appropriate boundaries to remain intact.

REFLECT

- How might honor look different in childhood and adulthood?
- Can I preserve dignity while acknowledging painful family history?

03 Honor Between Husband and Wife

Ephesians 5 places marriage inside a Christ-centered pattern of mutual responsibility, sacrificial love, and service. Honor refuses to use closeness as permission for contempt, control, humiliation, or careless speech.

REFLECT

- How do tone and everyday language communicate honor or dishonor?
- Do I try to win disagreements, or protect both truth and relationship?

04 Parents Also Honor Their Children

Children are called to obedience, but parents also receive responsibility. Ephesians 6 and Colossians 3 warn parents against provoking or discouraging children. Authority is stewardship, not ownership.

REFLECT

- Does my correction protect my child's dignity?
- Am I forming a person or merely controlling behavior?

From Idea to Practice

05 Honor Is Not the Same in Every Season

Family roles change. A child's obedience, an adult child's relationship with parents, marriage, caregiving, and extended-family responsibilities do not all require the same kind of access or authority. Honor needs wisdom for each season.

06 Disagreement Without Dishonor

Healthy families will disagree. Honor changes how disagreement is expressed: no humiliation, contempt, threats, weaponized silence, or attacks on identity. Truth can be spoken firmly without making the other person smaller.

07 Breaking Patterns

Some family cultures pass down sarcasm, rage, avoidance, favoritism, control, or emotional distance. Kingdom formation allows us to say: this pattern will not continue through me.

HONOR IS NOT...

- Excusing abuse, danger, or serious wrongdoing.
- Calling harmful behavior acceptable.
- Giving every family member unlimited access.
- Avoiding necessary correction.
- Using authority to humiliate or control.

RESPOND

1. What family relationship most challenges the way I understand honor?

2. What behavior or communication pattern do I want to stop passing forward?

3. What is one practical way I can make someone in my home experience honor this week?

Make Honor Visible

Choose one relationship at home and intentionally practice honor through your words, listening, correction, gratitude, or boundaries. Pay attention to whether your actions make the other person's God-given value more visible.

1

NOTICE

Identify a repeated moment where dishonor tends to appear.

2

PAUSE

Refuse to let familiarity or frustration control your response.

3

HONOR

Choose words and actions that preserve dignity and truth.

4

REVIEW

Ask what your family experienced through your response.

REMEMBER

“Before honor becomes something we display in public, it should become something the people closest to us can experience at home.”

SCRIPTURES FOR FURTHER STUDY

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