



THE LIVING ROOM / HONOR & REWARD / BEGINNER CLASS 03

03 HONOR IN THE BODY

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 • Romans 12:3-10 • Ephesians 4:11-16

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CENTRAL IDEA	WHAT YOU WILL DISCOVER
Honor recognizes God's provision through every member of the Body without confusing function, visibility, or responsibility with greater human worth.	● Recognize the value and purpose of every member of the Body. ● Understand that different roles do not mean different levels of worth. ● Honor leaders, peers, emerging gifts, and hidden service. ● Replace comparison and competition with contribution and celebration. ● Discover why receiving from others is also an expression of honor.

BEFORE WE BEGIN

- 01 Do we honor people differently depending on their title or visibility?
- 02 Can we truly value someone if we believe we have nothing to receive from them?
- 03 Why is it sometimes easier to celebrate a leader than someone serving beside us?
- 04 What happens to a church when people begin competing instead of contributing?
- 05 Who around us might carry a gift we have simply failed to notice?

Honor In The Body

The Church is a Body where every person carries value, purpose, and something others may need. This class explores how honor shapes the way we see fellow believers, leaders, mentors, emerging gifts, and those serving quietly around us.

01 One Body, Many Members

1 Corinthians 12 presents the Church as one Body composed of many members. Difference is not a defect. God creates interdependence so that no person, gift, or function becomes the whole Body.

REFLECT

- Do I tend to equate sameness with unity?
- Whose contribution have I underestimated because it looks different from mine?

02 “I Don't Need You”

Paul directly rejects the attitude that one member can dismiss another as unnecessary. Christian maturity includes recognizing that God often provides something we need through people we might overlook.

REFLECT

- Who am I tempted to consider unnecessary?
- Am I as willing to receive as I am to contribute?

03 Honoring People Beside Us

Kingdom honor is not reserved for people we perceive as being above us. Learning to honor those beside us in function is essential to a healthy culture. Different responsibility does not create different human value.

REFLECT

- Do titles affect how much attention or dignity I give someone?
- How can I honor a peer without turning the relationship into competition?

04 Gifts, Leaders, and Equipping

Ephesians 4 describes ministry gifts as God's provision for equipping the saints and building the Body toward maturity. Leadership is responsibility, service, and stewardship - not spiritual superiority.

REFLECT

- Do I view leadership primarily as status or as responsibility?
- How can leaders use influence to strengthen the gifts of others?

From Idea to Practice

05 Visible Does Not Mean More Valuable

Platforms, microphones, titles, and public recognition can make some contributions easier to see. The Body, however, depends on many forms of service that may never become public.

06 Competition or Contribution?

Competition asks who gets the credit. Honor asks how the Body is being built. Mature believers can celebrate another person's gift without interpreting it as a threat to their own.

07 Honor Includes Receiving

Receiving help, correction, wisdom, or another person's gift can be an act of honor. "I don't need you" is not independence; within the Body it can become a refusal of God's provision.

HONOR IS NOT...

- Treating leaders as spiritually superior people.
- Valuing visibility more than faithfulness.
- Competition for recognition or credit.
- Ignoring emerging or quieter gifts.
- Creating dependency on a few gifted people.

RESPOND

1. Whose contribution in the Body have I overlooked?

2. Where does comparison or competition affect the way I serve?

3. What is something God may be inviting me to receive from another person?

Make Honor Visible

Choose one person whose service, gift, or contribution is easy to overlook. Intentionally recognize it, encourage them, and consider what God may be providing to the Body through them.

1

SEE

Notice a person or contribution that usually remains in the background.

2

RECOGNIZE

Name the value or gift you see without exaggeration.

3

RECEIVE

Allow yourself to learn from or be served by someone else.

4

CELEBRATE

Strengthen the Body by giving honor without competing for credit.

REMEMBER

“Learning to honor those who are not 'above' us in rank but beside us in function is essential to building a true Kingdom culture.”

SCRIPTURES FOR FURTHER STUDY

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