

HONOR

- ★ Honesty, fairness, or integrity in one's beliefs and actions: a man of honor.
 - ★ A source of credit or distinction: to be an honor to one's family.
 - ★ High respect, as for worth, merit, or rank: to be held in honor.
 - ★ Such respect manifested: a memorial in honor of the dead.
 - ★ High public esteem.
 - ★ To show a courteous regard for
 - ★ To show respect to.
 - ★ Good name; reputation.
 - ★ A mark, token, or gesture of respect or distinction
 - ★ Principled uprightness of character; personal integrity.
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Think about what honor truly means and then begin to apply that. If you have honor you are a person with a good reputation, you possess personal integrity, you show respect for others, you are courteous, fair, honest and you live by what you believe.

If you are honoring someone else you show them respect, you are honest, you protect their reputation, you treat them like you have integrity and good character. A person of honor protects the honor of others.

Practical examples:

Honor your father and mother. This would mean treating them with respect, being courteous, maintaining your good reputation which would require your obedience.

Honor one another. This would mean respecting one another and showing good character with good decisions. If you honor another person you will not compromise their good standing with God, their parents or others. You would protect their reputation and good standing.

A Few Scriptures

1 Peter 2: 17

Proverbs 15:33

Ephesians 6:2

Romans 14:5-8

1 Timothy 1:17

1 Timothy 6:13-16

Proverbs 3:35

Proverbs 21:21-23

1 Peter 1:17

These are just a few scriptures that show how honor is presented in the Bible; there are many more and you should research them.

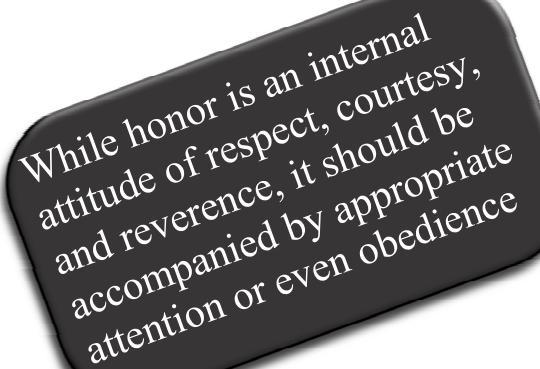
The Greek Meaning

Social term describing how people within a society evaluate one another. Most occurrences of honor in the Old Testament are translations of some form of kabod [d/b'K], while in the New Testament they are derivatives of timao [timavw]. These terms are generally used with reference to the honor granted fellow human beings, though in some cases they are used to describe the honor a person grants God.

The root of kabod [d/b'K] literally means heavy or weighty. The figurative meaning, however, is far more common: "to give weight to someone." To honor someone, then, is to give weight or to grant a person a position of respect and even authority in one's life. A person grants honor most frequently on the basis of position, status, or wealth, but it can and should also be granted on the basis of character.

While honor is an internal attitude of respect, courtesy, and reverence, it should be accompanied by appropriate attention or even obedience. Honor without such action is incomplete; it is lip service (Isa 29:13). God the Father, for example, is honored when people do the things that please him (1 Cor 6:20). Parents are honored through the obedience of their children.

The source of all honor is God on the basis of his position as sovereign Creator and of his character as a loving Father. God the Father has bestowed honor on his Son, Jesus Christ (John 5:23). He has also created spheres of authority within human government, the church, and the home. The positions of authority in those spheres are to receive honor implicitly.



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The granting of honor to others is an essential experience in the believer's life. Christians are to bestow honor on those for whom honor is due. The believer is to honor God, for he is the sovereign head of the universe and his character is unsurpassed. The believer is to honor those in positions of earthly authority, such as governing authorities (Rom 13:1-7), masters (1 Tim 6:1), and parents (Exod 20:12). As a participant in the church, the believer is also called to honor Jesus Christ, the head of the church (John 5:23), fellow believers (Rom 12:10), and widows (1 Tim 5:3).

While the reception of honor is a positive experience, it is not to be sought (Luke 14:7-8). When honor comes from others by reason of position or status, it is not to be taken for granted. The recipients should seek to merit honor through godly character.

DEFINITION PAGE

Integrity

- ❖ The quality of possessing and steadfastly adhering to high moral principles or professional standards
- ❖ The state of being complete or undivided

Respect

- ❖ Consideration or thoughtfulness
- ❖ To pay due attention to and refrain from violating something
- ❖ A feeling or attitude of admiration and deference toward somebody or something

Character

- ❖ Somebody's public reputation
- ❖ The set of qualities that make somebody or something distinctive, especially somebody's qualities of mind and feeling

Courteous

- ❖ Polite in a way that shows consideration of others or good manners

Honesty

- ❖ The quality, condition, or characteristic of being fair, truthful, and morally upright
- ❖ Truthfulness, candor, or sincerity