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I will honor those who honor me, and I will despise those who think lightly of me. When there is an opportunity to <u>honor</u>,

there will also be an opportunity to dishonor.

The <u>beginning</u> of the <u>choice</u> to honor or dishonor.



12"Son of man, sing this funeral song for the king of Tyre. Give him this message from the Sovereign Lord: "You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and exquisite in beauty. ¹³ You were in Eden. the garden of God. Your clothing was adorned with every precious stonered carnelian, pale-green peridot, white moonstone. blue-green beryl, onyx, green jasper, blue lapis lazuli, turquoise, and emerald all beautifully crafted for you

and set in the finest gold.

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They were given to you on the day you were created.

- ¹⁴ I ordained and anointed you as the mighty angelic guardian.
- You had access to the holy mountain of God and walked among the stones of fire.
- "You were blameless in all you did from the day you were created until the day evil was found in you.
- Your rich commerce led you to violence, and you sinned.
- So I banished you in disgrace from the mountain of God.

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I expelled you, O mighty guardian, from your place among the stones of fire.

17 Your heart was filled with pride because of all your beauty.

Your wisdom was corrupted by your love of splendor.

So I threw you to the ground and exposed you to the curious gaze of kings.

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We move into dishonor when we start to think more highly about <u>ourselves</u> than we should.

Honor must be <u>taught</u> because we have already <u>mastered</u> dishonor.



¹²Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance.

¹³Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other.

¹⁷The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. ¹⁸For Scripture says, "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages."

When we dishonor
God-appointed leaders,
we ultimately stop
ourselves from
receiving all that God
has for us.

It is for our <u>own</u> sake that we should honor God-appointed leaders.



WE HONOR THEM BY BEING HUMBLE.

³Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

WE HONOR THEM BY REMEMBERING THEM.

⁷Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith.

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¹I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. ²Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. ³This is good and pleases God our Savior, 4who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

WE HONOR THEM BY BEING **OBEDIENT**.

¹⁷Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.

We obey and submit to our leaders because <u>God</u> put them in a place of responsibility and accountability over us.

Of course, this does not relieve individual responsibility, but it puts an <u>additional</u> accountability and responsibility upon leaders.

WE HONOR THEM BY <u>LOVING</u> AND <u>RESPECTING</u> THEM. ⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

¹Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God.