

## HONOR

Honoring is a biblical principal and, according to the Bible, we are to honor God. After all, He is the Lord and it is He who has done everything in our lives. We honor Him with our offerings, our thanksgivings, and basically by our obedience.

Proverbs 3:9

*“Honor the LORD from your wealth, and from the first of all your produce;”*

Romans 12:1

*“I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, {which is} your spiritual service of worship.”*

The New Testament Greek word for honor, timao, means to revere, value, honor, venerate. When we honor others, we indirectly honor God and what He is doing. We recognize God's handiwork in them, the gifts God has given them, and any authority He has delegated to them. In other words, we agree with His Lordship and how He's building His kingdom. We are specifically told to honor our parents that all will go well with us.

Ephesians 6:2-3

*“Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.”*

Husbands are to honor their wives as fellow heirs, which makes sense since we are to honor all men.

1 Peter 3:7

*“You husbands likewise, live with {your wives} in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.”*

1 Peter 2:17

*“Honor all men; love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.”*

We are to submit to the authorities appointed over us, since God raised them up to function as His delegated authorities. Submitting “as unto the Lord” means submitting to those who walk in His authority, as we submit to Him.

Romans 13:1

*“Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.”*