

Study QUESTIONS

Ep.1321: Have We Lost Our Ability to Honor One Another?

(Part I) <https://christianquestions.com/character/1321-honor-part-i/>

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1. Dissect the five phrases of Romans 12:9-10 and discuss what each phrase means. What is the definition of “honor”? What is the definition of its root word, *timios*?
2. Why did the Pharisees and Sadducees want the apostles to stop preaching about Jesus? How did they hope to accomplish this? What happened? How did Peter and the other apostles respond? What did the Pharisee Gamaliel say? Why did the other Pharisees and Sadducees listen to him? (Acts 5:12-40)
 - Do you esteem someone who has a reputation for standing strong for principles?
Do others see you as a principled individual? What contributes to the way others view you?
3. How does the “precious produce of the soil” fit into our discussion? What is it about the farmer that we should emulate in our spiritual lives? What is the spiritual lesson in sowing and reaping? (James 5:7-11, Galatians 6:7-10)
 - Do you esteem the natural bounty around us that we take for granted?
Are you actively cultivating, navigating and patiently waiting on the Lord in your life?
4. What is Paul’s point about planting, watering and growth? What is the foundation Paul laid? With what materials should we continue to build upon this foundation? In what way are our trials compared to precious building materials? (1 Corinthians 3:5-14, 1 Peter 1:3-7)
 - Do you esteem the beauty and preciousness of the Christlikeness being developed in you daily?
What cutting and polishing experiences are causing your growth?
5. What are the five admonitions of Hebrews 13:1-5? Where do we find the word “honor” in these? What is this sacred covenant picture? How is marriage a marker in the history of humankind? (Revelation 19:7-8)
 - How does your marriage demonstrate your faithfulness to God?
How are you staying away from all kinds of idolatry?
6. What do we mean by Jesus “paying the ransom” for humankind? What is precious in this arrangement? How did the Passover lamb in Egypt picture Jesus’ gift of deliverance? (Romans 5:12, 1 Timothy 2:5,6, 1 Peter 1:17-23)
 - Do you esteem and cherish the price Jesus gave to be our ransom? Do you spend time thinking about it and praying in thankfulness for this eternal gift? How do you live this transformation and rejoice in it?
7. Are you treasuring and the “precious and magnificent promises” given us by God? (2 Peter 1:2-4)
How did Paul view his spiritual service to the brethren? How did he rest in the promises? (Acts 20:18-24)
 - How do you value your spiritual life in Christ over your earthly comfort and over your own wants?
8. How can preconception lead to dishonoring others? Why is personal pride destructive? (Matthew 13:54-58, 1 Corinthians 4:8-11)
 - How are you avoiding the bias of preconception and the blindness of personal pride?