

WHAT DOES GOD WANT US TO HONOR & RESPECT?

2. What ROLES does God want us to honor & respect?



- A. **Parents.** Exodus 20:12; Leviticus 19:3A; Micah 7:6; Ephesians 6:1-3.
- 1) **Why?**
    - a. **It is right.** Ephesians 6:1.
    - b. **It blesses children temporally and eternally.** Ephesians 6:2-3; 1 Corinthians 4:8, 10, 14-16; Hebrews 12:5-11.
    - c. **Dishonor & disrespect curses children temporally and eternally.** Deuteronomy 27:16.
    - d. **It gives parents joy.** Proverbs 15:20; 3 John 4.
    - e. **Parents honor & respect their children.** 2 Corinthians 12:14B-15A; 1 Timothy 5:4, 8; Hebrews 12:5-11.
  - 2) **When?**
    - a. **While under their authority.** Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-5. *When are we no longer under our parents' authority? When we are no longer dependent on our parents. Some children want the best of both worlds, i.e. the benefits of dependence and independence without the responsibilities of either. Admittedly, wise parents increasingly give their children more and more freedom, but until the apron strings are completely cut, we still have to answer to our parents. If we don't like this, we must become independent.*
    - b. **In the Lord.** Ephesians 6:1.
    - c. **As long as they live.** 1 Kings 2:19; Ephesians 6:2; Mark 7:9-13; 1 Timothy 5:4, 8, 16.
- B. **Husbands.** Ephesians 5:33. **Why?**
- 1) **The husband is the head of the wife.** Ephesians 5:22-24.
  - 2) **To be an effective helper.** 1 Peter 3:1-2. "Respect is to husbands what romance is to wives."
- C. **Wives.** 1 Peter 3:7. **Why?**
- 1) **A wife is just as important as her husband.** 1 Peter 3:7. A husband and wife are like a lock and key. Together a lock and key form a single functioning unit. Together they can accomplish something that neither acting alone can accomplish. Nor can it be accomplished by two locks or by two keys. Each is distinct, yet neither is complete in and of itself. Their roles are not identical nor are they interchangeable. Since both are necessary, neither is superior to the other. Both are equally important.
  - 2) **A wife is incredibly valuable to her husband.** Genesis 2:18; Proverbs 18:22; 31:10.
- D. **Brethren.** Psalms 15:1, 4; Romans 12:10. **Why?** Faithful brethren give good counsel (1 Samuel 9:6); faithful brethren do truly honorable and respectable things (Philippians 2:29-30); all brethren are one body, each is important, we are dependent on one another (1 Corinthians 12:12-26); etc.
- E. **Elders.** 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13A; 1 Timothy 5:17. **Why?** They have a very important work; those who do it well should be especially honored; etc.
- F. **Government officials.** Romans 13:7; 1 Peter 2:17; Acts 23:1-5. **Why?** Their authority comes from God (Romans 13:1-2), they have an important responsibility (Romans 13:3-4, 6); etc.
- G. **Masters.** 1 Timothy 6:1-2. **Does this apply to us? If so, how? If so, why?** Disrespect give place to the devil; they pay us; honor pays off (Proverbs 27:18); etc.
- F. **Age.** Leviticus 19:32A; 1 Kings 2:19. **Why?** To benefit from their wisdom (Job 32:4, 6-7, 11-12A; 1 Kings 12:6-11, 13-14, 16, 19); the aged become fragile, dependent (1 Timothy 5:3-4, 8, 16); to remind us of these truths; etc.
3. **Does God expect us to honor & respect these roles regardless of who fills them?** 1 Peter 2:18; 1 Timothy 5:17A; Acts 23:1-5; Jude 8-9; David conduct towards Saul; etc.
4. **What THINGS does God want us to honor & respect?**
- A. **The word of God.** Malachi 2:5-9. **Why?**

- B. **Wisdom and instruction.** 1 Samuel 9:6; Proverbs 1:7; 3:13-18, 35; 4:8; 8:18-19; 23:9. Why?
  - C. **Excellence.** 1 Timothy 5:17A. Why?
  - D. **Discipline.** Proverbs 9:7; 13:18; 15:5; Hebrews 12:5-11. Why?
  - E. **Authority.** 2 Peter 2:10. Why? In any organization, someone has to be in charge. Everyone else must follow. Success is just as much a function of good “followership” as it is good leadership.
  - F. **Obedience.** 2 Samuel 6:6-7. Why?
  - G. **Consistency.** Romans 12:17B. Why?
  - H. **Perception.** 2 Corinthians 8:21. Why?
  - I. **Worship.** Psalms 2:11A; 5:7B; 1 Corinthians 11:22. Why?
  - J. **Marriage.** Hebrews 13:4. Why?
  - K. **Physical bodies.** Lamentations 1:8-9A; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8. Why?
5. Do we honor & respect what God wants us to honor & respect? Malachi 1:6A; Hebrews 12:9A.
  6. Do the beings God wants us to honor & respect feel honored & respected? Job 18:3; 2 Corinthians 8:21; 2 Samuel 19:40-43. There is definitely something to the phrase, “R-E-S-P-E-C-T find out what it means to me.”

**NEXT WEEK: How do we develop feelings of honor & respect? How do we show or give honor? What are some marks of respect?**