

THE ROOT OF CHARACTER: THE FEAR OF THE LORD

Honor – Seeing The True Value

I. **Our honor has been misplaced and we need to do a much better job of attaching the proper value on things**

A. Jesus honored the Father (John 4:34, 5:30, 8:29)

1. What's important to God is what's important to Him

II. **We must see the true value of things, else wise we will dishonor them**

A. There's two different value systems

1. John 5:41,44-You value men honoring you, I value God's honor

- a. That didn't seek the honor that comes from God b/c they didn't value it; it wasn't that important to them. The honor that comes from men was important to them

- b. Jesus valued pleasing the Master; they valued men honoring them

- c. 1 Samuel 16:7 – You value the outward appearance I value the heart

2. Matthew 7:6-Dogs don't honor that which is holy and hogs don't honor pearls because they don't see the value of them

- a. What you don't see the value of you won't honor; It is vitally important then that we see the true value of things

- 1) If we are going to honor God and His things it is key that we see the true value of Him and His things

- b. A characteristic of children is they don't see the true value of things

- c. When we don't see the true value of God and His things we'll we not show them the proper respect and in turn be irreverent towards Him

3. What men see as important often times God sees as meaningless

- a. What God sees as important often times men **don't have time for it**

- 1) God values His Word (2 Peter 1:4)

- 2) God values church services (Hebrews 10:25)

- 3) God values His gifts to the church (Ephesians 4:8-12)

- 4) God values the love commandment (Matthew 22:38)

- 5) God values His spirit and the anointing (John 16:7)

- 6) God values our faith (2 Peter 1:1)

- 7) God values the trying of your faith (1 Peter 1:7)

- 8) God values the hidden man of the heart (1 Peter 3:4)

- 9) God values His son Jesus (1 Peter 2:4)

- 10) God values the blood of Jesus (1 Peter 1:19)
 - 11) God values your body (1 Corinthians 6:20 – Timos, 1 Thessalonians 4:4)
 - 12) God values marriage (Hebrews 13:4)
 - 13) God values wisdom (Proverbs 3:15)
 - 14) God values the lips of knowledge (Proverbs 20:15)
- b. Open up the eyes of our heart and help us to see the real value of things
- B. We must attach the proper value to things. We can say God's worthy, but are we proving that He is worthy with our lifestyle.
- 1. Matthew 13:44-46-The KOG (God and His things) is worth all that we got
 - a. This 1 pearl was worth all that he had; he saw the value of it and in turn honored it
 - 2. Lk 14:16-33-There are things more valuable 2 us than u; They dishonored him
 - a. When something is valuable to you, you'll drop everything
 - b. They didn't see the value of this dinner; didn't see the value of being his disciples
 - 3. Philippians 3:1-10-His value system was reset because he saw the true value
 - a. He values: 1) The anointing, 2)The knowledge of Jesus Christ my Lord, 3) Being found in him, 4) Not having my own righteousness 5) Knowing him and the power out flowing from his resurrection
 - 4. Matthew 12:11-12 – Are we to value a sheep more than we value a man

III. What you see as valuable you will honor

- A. Mark 6:1-6 – Jesus was dishonored in his home town
 - 1. Why was Jesus sent to His home town? To do Luke 4:16
 - a. People died that didn't have to, people remained sick that didn't have to
 - 2. They didn't value him as being important
 - a. They didn't see his true value and in turn they dishonored him and in turn he wasn't able to honor them
 - b. His value was he's here to teach us, heal us, deliver us, set us free
 - 3. The dishonored Jesus in how they referred to him
- B. Genesis 25:29-34, Hebrews 12:16
 - 1. Birthright
 - a. The ruling head of the family, spiritual leader, priest of the family
 - b. The firstborn became head of the family and thus succeeded to the charge of the family
 - c. He also, as head, succeeded to a considerable amount of authority over the other members.
 - d. The Father's blessing
 - e. Choice of the family lands

- f. Double portion of what his father had to leave
- g. Further, he generally received the blessing, which placed him in close and favored covenant-relationship with Yahweh.
- 2. Esau didn't see the value his birthright and at that time he valued and honored food for his hungry belly more than his birthright
 - a. Jacob saw the value of that birthright
- C. 2 Kings 4:8 – The Shunammite woman
 - 1. This woman saw the value of the man of God and it led to her honoring him
 - a. How many other people had the opportunity to build a room on their house for the man of God
 - 2. She honored God and God honored her
- D. John 12:3
 - 1. 3-This perfume was worth a years wages
 - a. In her mind Jesus was worthy (worth it); she saw the true value of him
 - 2. Judas is dishonoring Jesus because he's saying that Jesus isn't worth it

IV. We see your honor for a thing in how you:

- A. Refer to that thing or speak about that thing
 - 1. Jesus is my Master, Lord, King, covenant friend, My brother; he's not my homeboy
 - a. It our attempt to be free people we've become so casual in how we refer to him that it has been at times irreverent
 - b. We are not going to be rigid and uptight, but we also are not going to be so loose and casual that it's irreverent
 - 2. Mark 6 – The referred to him as the carpenter or Mary and Joseph's boy
- B. Hear that person
 - 1. Luke 10:16-How you hear the one he sent, is how you hear and treat him
 - 2. James 1:19-A way of showing respect is to be still and listen
 - 3. You listen differently to something that you think is valuable
 - a. When the Lord is talking you shouldn't be trying to do a bunch of different things
- C. Confer upon that thing
 - 1. Proverbs 3:9 – Honor the Lord with your substance
 - 2. John 12:3 – She conferred honor upon Jesus
 - 3. Matthew 15:8 – We are to confer our stuff upon our parents
- D. How you treat that thing & How you see them-John 8:48
 - 1. 49-They didn't see the true value of him and in turn they didn't honor him
 - 2. 53-They were saying, "Who do you think you are?"

- a. The reality was not that Jesus was thinking too highly of himself, but they weren't thinking highly enough of him
3. The dishonored Jesus in:
 - a. How they heard him; Every time he would say something they would say that he was lying or questions the truth of what he was saying
 - b. How they referred to him; That said he had a devil
 - c. How they treated him; They picked up stones to kill him