

## THEM THAT HONOR ME

### How To Get Your Stuff Taken Care Of

- I. **Your life, things going well for you, your things God can be very interested and involved in or not**-*1Sm2:30-For them that honor me, I will honor, and they that despise me will be **lightly esteemed** (small importance, of little account, insignificant)*
- A. How much of God's help you enjoy, how involved He is in your things is in proportion to how you honor Him-If He/His things going well is of interest to you, then you/your things going well is of interest to Him --- He never stops wanting your things to go well, but He will only get involved in your things to the degree you honor Him
- B. Many misrepresent God's love/grace-They think God **should** help our things go well no matter how much we honor Him because He's a God of love and grace, but being under His love and grace doesn't mean we get to do what we want and still enjoy His grace and help-*Ga5:13*
- II. **The only way to have God take care of your things is to honor him by putting His things first**-*Mt6:24-No man can **serve** (obey, submit, give self up to another's will) two masters: for either he will **hate** (love less) the one, and love the other; or else he will **hold to** (care for, pay heed) the one, and **despise** (disesteem) the other. Ye cannot serve God and **mammon** (worldliness).<sup>25</sup>Therefore I say unto you, **Take no thought** (anxious, have care, distraction, *Mk4:19-Cares of this world*) for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for **your** body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?<sup>26</sup>Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?<sup>27</sup>Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?<sup>28</sup>And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:<sup>29</sup>And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?<sup>31</sup>Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?<sup>32</sup>(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.<sup>33</sup>But seek ye **first** (importance, in honor) the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you; **CEV**-More than anything else put God's work first and do what He wants-**EX**-Be concerned above all else with God's Kingdom and what God wants-**NT**-Make your top priority God's kingdom*
- A. Because you can't serve 2, because God will take care of you therefore take no thought for your life (don't let your life become the focus) and seek 1<sup>st</sup> the kingdom and you will be taken care of
- B. Don't let the cares of this life distract you and become first-Take no thought for **your life**
- C. God's things first is the key to seeing your stuff be taken care of-*Mt6:33-MSG-You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met; Ps37:4-Delight yourself in the Lord and he shall give you the desires of your heart-Is58:13-Shalt honor him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words: <sup>14</sup>Then shalt you delight thyself in the Lord*
- D. You don't get your stuff taken care of by trying to take care of it yourself-Your life will get consumed with you trying to take care of you (trying to be your own God) and by trying to you won't-**V25-27**
- E. You don't get your stuff taken care of by putting it ahead of God's-Put His stuff 1<sup>st</sup> and trust Him to take care of yours-**KM**-Take care of my family

**III. Casting your care only works if He's first-1Pt5:5-God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under (of place) the mighty hand of God that he may exalt (ST-Elevate, lift up; TH-Raise to the very summit of prosperity; Raise to honor and happiness) you in due time: Casting all your care on him; for he cares for you.**

- A. Pride puts itself above others, me/my things first-Proud-ST-Appearing above others, Haughty (high opinion of self, with contempt for others), Huper-Above, chiefest, Phaino-Think; TH-Overestimate of self, despising others; W18-Elevation
- B. Humility comes low, me/my things not first-Humble-ST-Base, lowly; TH-Not rising from ground; brought low; Humble yourselves-ST-Abase (to lower), bring low; TH-Assign a lower place to; Ranked below others who are honored; W18-A deep sense of one's own unworthiness in the sight of God; Submission to divine will
- C. If you'll go low, put Him first and cast your care on Him, He will lift you high and take care of everything that concerns you
  - 1. By humility comes honor-Pr22:4-By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life; Is58:14, Ps91:14
  - 2. Go low, get the help-Js4:6-God resists the proud, but gives grace unto the humble. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.