

Creating a Culture of Honour

Embracing a life of honour



What is honour?

Dictionary Definition:

- High respect, great esteem

This means that honour goes beyond respect. Respect is earned, honour is freely given.

What does this statement mean to you?

What is a culture of honour?

It is when a community honours one another and every new person in that community can see it and learns to adapt it into the way they interact within that community.

What are some communities that have demonstrated a culture of honour?

What elements make up that culture of honour?

Things that don't honour others

- gossip
- judgement
- unforgiveness
- holding grudges
- dishonesty
- secrecy
- slander
- self-interest
- selfishness
- hatred
- jealousy
- fits of rage
- dissension
- envy
- creating cliques
- being conceited
- provoking others
- manipulation
- complaining about others
- rejecting people
- vengeance
- rivalry
- mocking others

What other things don't honour other people?

There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him; haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.

Proverbs 6:16-19

Why is discord so troublesome when trying to create a culture of honour?

Things that DO honour others

- kindness
- helping others
- loving others
- compassion
- grace
- mercy
- generosity
- being gentle
- be genuine
- patience
- being humble
- tender-hearted
- forgiving
- meekness
- accepting others
- be caring
- consideration
- listening
- journeying with others
- serving
- praying for each other
- live peacefully
- being good to others
- encourage others
- being open and transparent
- being honest

What other things honour people?

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Philippians 2:3-5

What areas do you need to work on when considering the verse above?

What gets in the way of creating a culture of honour?

- Unresolved conflict where people choose sides creating division, anger and hostility
- Comparison - this causes people to become jealous or issues with self worth, which will cause people to withdraw or compete
- Selfishness and pride, cause us to think more about ourselves than others. Creating a culture of honour must be established by focusing on others.
- Offense - when people are offended they shut down, lash out or withdraw, all of which hinder a culture of honour
- Rejection - judging others rather than accepting and loving them drives them away and is not honoring to those who have been rejected.

What are some other things that can get in the way of cultivating a culture of honour?

How to establish a culture of honour

1. It begins with you! It is easy to let it begin with someone else, but we need to start at home first. Are we honouring our families, our friends, our co-workers?
2. Once we have established it in our own lives, we teach others about how to honour those around them.
3. Encourage others to implement honour into their lives.

Seems simple, however what would you need to change at home to establish a culture of honour in your home?

How to maintain it?

Once the culture of honour has begun, nip things that can destroy it in the bud. When creating honour as a culture, everyone must be on board, not just you. Encourage those who join you to live out honour in their homes first.

What other things could you implement to maintain it?

Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.

Colossians 3:12-14

Honor is formed with healthy and safe confrontation.

**Otherwise called
Brave Conversations**

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: It is mine to avenge; I will repay, says the Lord. On the contrary; if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:17-21

What are brave conversations?

Brave conversations are defined as discussions, particularly those addressing sensitive or challenging topics, where individuals express themselves openly and honestly, even if it means being vulnerable or facing potential discomfort.

These conversations prioritize speaking truth, even if it's uncomfortable or unpopular, and are focused on moving forward and preserving relationships and understanding despite differing perspectives.

Brave Conversations

- Develops strong, resilient people
- Successful confrontation allows people to grow in vulnerability, self-awareness, wisdom, courage, freedom and honor.
- Creates stronger connections
- Creates opportunities to see what is really going on under the surface
- Allowing others to speak up gives them power and removes a victim mentality.
- Open communication will open the door for understanding each other.
- We need to be willing to confront others with honor.
- When we are honest with others it cultivates trust
- People need to know how they affect us and we need to know how we affect them
- Giving valuable feedback to others gives them the opportunity to adjust and do or say things differently
- Need to create safe place for people
- Do not confront in anger, frustration or hurt, wait until you can share from a place of peace

Brave Conversations continued

- Ask good questions
- Seek to understand- what is the root issue
- Look for solutions and how to improve the situation or relationship
- Be teachable and humble
- Be willing to adjust to what others need

Which of these brave conversation are the most difficult for you and why?

6 Questions to ask before confronting

1. Have I truly forgiven this person from my core?
2. I have love and compassion for them?
3. Is my desire to serve this person?
4. Have I identified the needs and emotions I want to communicate
5. What are some “I” messages that express what I need to say?
6. Have I sought counsel from someone I am accountable to?

How do these 6 questions help you to approach a conflict?

Seeing the bigger picture

- Honor creates Freedom
- Valuing Relationships
- Destiny-inspiring vision and open doors for others to walk in purpose
- Empowering others in their gifts and talents.

Creating an abundance mindset

- Don't limit others because of your insecurities
- Surrender responsibility to others to give them opportunity to grow
- Be okay to submit your self to the authority of others even if you feel you could do a better job
- The world of the generous gets larger and larger, while the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.
- Be generous with your time, resources, energy, encouragement.

Which of these is the one you need to work on the most? What one thing can you do this week to walk this out better this week?

Activation

STARTING AT HOME

Honour begins with us in our own home. If we want to create a culture of honor it needs to start with us. We begin by showing honour to our family, even if they don't deserve it. Remember, respect is earned, but honour is freely given.

Think about the interactions you have had with your family over the last week. How honouring have you been?

How could you react differently in those situations to show honour?

What are some triggers that cause you to react with self interest instead of honour?

Are there steps you can take to deal with those triggers?

3 Keys to Remember

- 01 RESPECT IS EARNED BUT HONOUR IS FREELY GIVEN. WHEN WE HONOUR OTHERS WE ARE GIVING THEM A GIFT ONLY WE CAN GIVE.
- 02 CREATING A CULTURE OF HONOUR BEGINS WITH YOU. START AT HOME WITH YOUR OWN FAMILY
- 03 THE CORE MOTIVATION BEHIND HONOR IN CONFLICT IS TO VALUE YOUR RELATIONSHIP MORE THAN BEING RIGHT. IT IS DESIRING TO UNDERSTAND AND ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER TO GROW AND WALK IN THEIR PURPOSE. BRAVE CONVERSATIONS ARE NEEDED WHEN CHOOSING TO RESOLVE CONFLICT.

Love each other with genuine affection,
and take delight in honoring each
other. Romans 12:10

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