

## CULTIVATING A CULTURE OF HONOUR

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### HEMEGROWN

#### WE CANNOT EXPORT WHAT IS NOT HEMEGROWN!

- *Values become Behaviour, and Behaviour becomes Culture.*
- *Culture provides an Environment in which we Cultivate Kingdom Sons and Daughters.*
- *Kingdom Sons and Daughters are those who are sown into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ, making followers of Jesus Christ.*

#### FROM CULTURE TO COMMUNITY

- ***God's plan is to bring Heaven's Culture to earth.***
- *The goal of creating Kingdom Culture is to produce a Kingdom Community.*

#### CULTURE DEFINES PEOPLE

- *Culture is inherent; it comes naturally, which is exactly what God wants for His Kingdom citizens. He doesn't want us to strive to obey written laws. He wants to write them on our minds and our hearts by His Spirit so that they will become the fruit we bear.*
- ***We will simply live Heaven's Kingdom Culture.***

#### THREE KINGDOM CULTURE MESSAGES

- *God First – 2 Jan - Humility*
- *Honour – 9 Jan - Love*
- *Generosity – 16 Jan - Kindness*

#### THE BIBLE HAS A LOT TO SAY ABOUT HONOUR

##### 1. Honour God

1 Samuel 2:30 ESV ... **for those who honour me I will honour, and those who despise me shall be lightly esteemed.**

1 Timothy 1:17 ESV *To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

##### 2. Honour the Son

John 5:22-23 ESV *For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honour the Son, just as they honour the Father. Whoever does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent him.*

##### 3. Honour Elders

1 Timothy 5:17 ESV *Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honour, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.*

4. Honour Widows

1 Timothy 5:1-3 ESV *Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity. Honour widows who are truly widows.*

5. Honour One Another in the Church

Romans 12:10 ESV *Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honour.*

6. Honour All People - Honour Government

1 Peter 2:17 ASV *Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.*

*All humans are endowed with an innate honour by virtue of their creation in the image of God.*

7. Honour Employers

1 Timothy 6:1 ESV *Let all who are under a yoke as bondservants regard their own masters as worthy of all honour, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be reviled.*

8. God Gave Honour to Man

Psalms 8:4-5 ESV *...what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honour.*

9. Honour God with your Body

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 CEV *Don't be immoral in matters of sex. That is a sin against your own body in a way that no other sin is. You surely know that your body is a temple where the Holy Spirit lives. The Spirit is in you and is a gift from God. You are no longer your own. God paid a great price for you. So use your body to honour God.*

10. Husbands must Honour their Wives

1 Peter 3:7 CEV *If you are a husband, you should be thoughtful of your wife. Treat her with honour, because she isn't as strong as you are, and she shares with you in the gift of life. Then nothing will stand in the way of your prayers.*

11. Honour Marriage

Hebrews 13:4 ESV *Let marriage be held in honour among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.*

12. Honour Parents

Ephesians 6:1-3 ESV ***Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honour your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."***

13. Honour God with your Wealth

Proverbs 3:9-10 ESV *Honour the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.*

#### THE PRINCIPLE OF HONOUR STATES THAT...

- *“...accurately acknowledging who people are will position us to give them what they deserve and to receive the gift of who they are in our lives”.*
- Matthew 10:40-41 ESV *“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward”.*

#### WHAT IS HONOUR ANYWAY?

- *Honour is where you decide to place (fix) a high value or importance on God and what He has made and purposed.*
- *It is a choice based on God’s principles and isn’t necessarily based on merit.*

#### HONOUR IS TO FIX VALUE UPON

- *You have as much influence in people’s lives as they have value for you.*
- *Anytime you try to have more influence than you value someone, you will attempt to manipulate them.*

#### THREE ASPECTS OF HONOUR

1. *It is a choice, an act of the will, where you decide on purpose to place a high value on someone and consider them to be special and valuable.*
2. *It is a gift you give to someone whether they deserve it or not. It is not bought by their actions or based upon your emotions.*
3. *It is genuine love in action.*

#### THE LINK BETWEEN HONOUR AND AUTHORITY

- *Author: God, our Creator is the source of all that He has placed within us.*
- *Authorises: Is the permission and the right to carry out what the Author designed and purposed us to be and to do.*
- *Authority: Is what the Author has placed within us to be and to do. We need each other’s authority to fulfil our own – that is what submission is.*
- *Authenticity: When you become who you were born to be, your life takes on authenticity.*

#### LIFE FLOWS THROUGH HONOUR

- *Honour creates life-giving and life-promoting relationships.*
- *A culture of honour is created as a community of people learns to discern and receive people in their God-given identities.*

#### JESUS MODELLED THE CHRISTIAN LIFE FOR US

- *All the supernatural things that happened through Jesus flowed directly from His intimate connection with His Father.*
- John 5:19 ESV *So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.*
- *Jesus gave us the same connection through His death and resurrection.*
- *Sustaining a supernatural lifestyle is therefore totally dependent on living out our true identities as sons and daughters of God.*

## CULTIVATING A CULTURE OF HONOUR

- *The day we gave our lives to Christ in submission to His will we received an invitation into His Kingdom, an upgrade in our identity and status here on earth.*
- *We have been given a royal responsibility to represent this Kingdom to this earth on behalf of the Father in speech, character, and action.*
- *In a culture of honour we are able to empower one another to be free to be who we are in Christ.*
- ***The world's view is temporal and conditional. They give honour to those who deserve it, who have earned it, or those they want something from.***
- *You may be asking yourself; how can I give honour to people who hurt me and let me down?*
- ***When we release honour to all people, I declare that "I am not letting my disagreements with you, or your character defects control me".***
- *We may think by not honouring we protect ourselves, but it does the opposite. It allows the person we feel that we can't honour to control who we are.*
- ***We don't honour people because they are honourable but because we are honourable!***
- *Honour does not mean we agree. It just means we have a standard in our heart, and we value them as a person created in the image and likeness of God.*

## ENVIRONMENT

- *The environment in our homes and church is determined by the culture we have created.*
- *A toxic environment is driven by insecure people who make use of fear, manipulation, and control. (Pride)*
- *A healthy environment is based upon love and honour motivated by a loving heart. (Humility)*
- *1 John 4:18 GW No fear exists where his love is. Rather, perfect love gets rid of fear, because fear involves punishment. The person who lives in fear doesn't have perfect love.*

## DISHONOUR SHUTS GOD'S POWER DOWN

- *Mark 6:2-3 ESV "... Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here **with us?**" **And they took offense at him.***
- *Mark 6:5 ESV And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them.*
- *Honour releases the power of God while dishonour greatly hinders its expression.*

## SUMMARY

- *Honour stewards an Environment and Culture that attract and host the presence of God.*
- *Honour helps shape a Community where the potential of each believer is maximised.*
- *Honour creates life-giving and life-promoting relationships*
- *The lack of honour inhibits the flow of **God's life** in our own lives and those around us.*

*Let us all help cultivate a culture that provides an environment of:*

- *Putting God First,*
- *Honour, and*
- *Generosity*

*so that we can Grow and Export mature Kingdom Sons and Daughters!*

Let us Pray:

***"Let Your Kingdom come, let Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven!"***