

SERIES: HONOR: On The Way To A Life Worth Living

“On The Way To Love”

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 ESV

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I. GOD IS WORTHY OF HONOR

1 John 4:9–10 *“In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”*

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

Verse 1 *“we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, ...that you do so more and more.”*

II. LOVE IS THE HIGHEST HONOR

Verse 9 *“you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another,”*

John 15: 12-13 *“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”*

III. LOVE IMPRESSES EVERYONE

A. Honoring God By Loving Others

Romans 12:10 *“Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.”*

Colossians 4:5–6 *“Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.”*

B. Honoring Our PARENTS

Ephesians 6:2–3 *“Honor 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.”*

Malachi 1:6 Says the Lord of hosts to you...“A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor?”

C. Love Can Always Be IMPROVED

Isaiah 29:13 *And the Lord said: “Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me”*

Verse 10, *“for [love] indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more,”*

THE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

- 1. Why Makes God Worthy Of Honor?** Discuss with your family and friends this week what makes God worthy of honor. How would you rate your honoring of God on a scale of 1-10?
- 2. Moving toward love.** Who in your life needs to be honored by receiving more of your love? Parents, co-workers, neighbors, friends? Come up with a practical way of loving that person(s) more this week.