

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

“On The Way To Respect”

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 ESV

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I. PERSONAL STANDARDS OF HONOR

A. Honor Your BODY

Verse 4, “that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor,”

B. Honor Your SPOUSE or FUTURE SPOUSE

Verse 3, “For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality;”

C. Honor Your CHURCH

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

D. Honor Your WORK

Verse 11, “and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you,”

II. A LIFE OF RESPECT

A. Living To Gain The Respect Of GOD

Verse 1, “you ought to walk and to please God.”

Colossians 3:23 “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,”

B. Living To Gain The Respect Of OTHERS

Verse 11–12, “aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs..., so that you may walk properly before outsiders...”

1 Timothy 2:1–4 “...that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

C. Living To Gain SELF-Respect

Verse 11–12, “aspire ... to work with your hands... so that you may... be dependent on no one.”

Ephesians 4:28 “Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.”

THE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

- 1. What Does Your Family Honor?** Discuss with your family and friends this week what values are held in high esteem? Where did that value come from?
- 2. On The Way To Respect.** How are self-respect, respect of others, and respect of God all related? How does one gain respect in each area? What is one practical step to gain more respect this week?