

SERIES: HONOR: *On The Way To A Life Worth Living*
“On The Way To Holiness”
1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 ESV
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Verse 3–4 “For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor,”

1 Corinthians 6:19 “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,”

I. EVERYONE WANTS HONOR

A. Honor Is Defined By VALUES

Proverbs 21:21 “Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honor.”

B. Christians Want To HONOR God

1 Samuel 2:30 “Lord declares: ...for those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be lightly esteemed.”

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.”

C. Gaining Honor By SERVING Jesus

John 12:26 “If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.”

II. FINDING HONOR IN HOLINESS

A. Holiness Means PURITY

Verse 7, “For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.”

B. Honor Your BODY

III. HOLINESS HONORS THE ONES WE LOVE

A. Honoring Our SPOUSE

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

1 Corinthians 7:2 “But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband.”

B. Honoring Our FAMILIES

Verse 6 “that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things...”

THE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

1. Who Do We Hold In High Esteem? Discuss with your family and friends this week who you honor and respect. What about them has earned that honor? What would take it away?

2. Step On The Path To Holiness: Do you want to gain more honor in the eyes of God? Do you want to serve Jesus more? Will you make a commitment to holiness? This week write down a personal commitment to sexual purity and a game plan to walk that path.