



Examining the One Another Passages

**Q1 2020 Adult Class
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The One Another Passages



Review from Last Week

1. How did Jesus say the world will know we are his disciples?
2. What type of love is it that we should have for one another? What are some characteristics of this type of love?
3. What did we learn from I John 3:18 about loving with word only or in deed?

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Honor One Another above Ourselves

Rom 12:10

10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, *in honor giving preference to one another*;
NKJV

What does it mean “in honor giving preference to one another”?

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1. The NIV says, “Honor one another above yourselves.”
2. The New American Standard says, “Give preference to one another in honor.”
3. The King James says, “In honor preferring one another.”
4. Today’s English Version says, “Be eager to show respect for one another.”
5. The English Standard Version says, “Outdo one another in showing honor.”
6. Another translation says, “In showing honor to one another take the lead.”

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Phil. 2:3-4:

3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, *but in humility consider others better than yourselves.* 4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Can you recall an OT example of one who displayed the opposite of “in honor giving preference to one another”? New Testament example?

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3 John 9-10

9 I wrote something to the church; but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not accept what we say. 10 For this reason, if I come, I will call attention to his deeds which he does, unjustly accusing us with wicked words; and not satisfied with this, he himself does not receive the brethren, either, and he forbids those who desire to do so and puts them out of the church.

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What are some characteristics of the one who seeks honor and preference rather than give it?

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Discussion Question # 3. What would be the appropriate response to the following “real life” situations when applying the principles of being “members one of another” (Romans 12:5) and “giving preference to one another” (Romans 12:10)?

- a. Someone parked in “your” parking space then you realize that same person is sitting in “your” seat!
- b. You have been asked to help teach the 4th-5th grade class even though you believe that you are one of the best adult teachers in the whole congregation.
- c. The young Christian boys and men sometimes make mistakes when praying in public or reading aloud.
- d. What other situations have you encountered like the above and how did you respond? How should you have responded?

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Honor the Father and the Son

1 Tim 1:17

17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, *be honor and glory* forever and ever. Amen. NASU

John 5:22-23

22 "For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, 23 so that all will *honor the Son even as they honor the Father*. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. NASU

From these passages and others, who is to receive honor? How are we to honor them? Conversely, how do we dishonor them?

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Honor the Weaker Members of the Body

1 Cor 12:22-24

22 On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary; 23 and those members of the body which we deem less honorable, *on these we bestow more abundant honor*, and our less presentable members become much more presentable, 24 whereas our more presentable members have no need of it. But God has so composed the body, *giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked*, NASU

Why are we to give more honor to the weaker members of the local church?

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Honor the Weaker Members of the Body

1 Cor 12:25-26

25 so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; *if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.*

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What does Paul mean here by “if one member is honored, all members rejoice with it”?

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Honor your Father and Mother

Eph 6:2-3

2 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), *3 SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.*

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How do you honor your father and mother? What if one or more of your parents do not serve God?

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Honor the Older Members

1 Tim 5:3

3 *Honor widows* who are widows indeed;
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Why are widows to be honored? Who is a “widow indeed”?

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Honor those in Authority

1 Peter 2:17

7 Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, *honor the king.*

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How are we to “honor the king today”?

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Honor those in Authority

Rom 13:1-7

13 Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. 3 For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; 4 for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil. 5 Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. 7 Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; *honor to whom honor.*NASU

Why are those in authority in our government to have our honor? Does this mean we must always agree with their decisions?

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Husbands are to Honor their Wives

1 Peter 3:7

7 You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and *show her honor* as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

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How are husbands to honor their wives? What are the consequences of failing to do so?

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Conclusions

1. Honoring others means putting them ahead of ourselves.
2. Honoring others means being willing to make sacrifices for them.
3. Honoring others means rejoicing with them when one achieves and being of assistance when one suffers.

Can you recall a Bible character who showed proper honor and preference to another?

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Questions for Thought and Discussion:

1. In Romans 12:10, Paul instructs us “in honor preferring one another”. What does he mean by this? What is the foundation for this type of treatment of one another from this passage?
2. Read Philippians 2:1-11 and answer the following questions:
 - a. How was Paul’s joy to be made complete?
 - b. With what state of mind are we to regard one another?
 - c. Who was and is the ultimate example of preferring one another in the Lord?
 - d. What is the key attitude necessary when and preferring others?

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Conclusions



Phil 2:1-11

2 Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, 2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. 3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. 5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. NASU