

CULTURE OF HONOUR

Romans 12:10

What influences the way you relate with one another?

Could it be fear?

Fear will give rise to control in our relationships.

“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.”

(1 John 4:18)

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

**Love holds us together
through honour.**

Who do we honour?

- ⦿ God
- ⦿ Parents
- ⦿ Leaders
- ⦿ Spouse
- ⦿ Those who deserve it?
- ⦿ Those who earn it?
- ⦿ Everyone?

“Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.” (1 Peter 2:17)

“Honor is given on the basis of who people are – not what they have earned or even what they need. Every person you encounter is one Christ has honored in His life, death and resurrection.”

(Danny Silk, *Culture of Honor*)

**How does a community that
loves and honours one another
look like?**

1. “One that thinks well and speaks well of one another...” (Joseph Chean)

- ⦿ Not about being nice and polite to one another.
- ⦿ Not flattery or false affirmation.
- ⦿ Recognizing the value that God sees in all of us.

2. Humility – looking out for the interests of others

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to **the interests of others.**” (Philippians 2:3-4)

“Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less. Humility is thinking more of others.” (Rick Warren)

- ⦿ Look out for the interests of others
 - promote the welfare of others.
- ⦿ Value others who are different from us.

3. Honour brings out the best in others

- ⦿ Honour empowers and builds others up.
- ⦿ Dishonor tears others down.
- ⦿ Honouring others also brings out the best in you.

**What can we do to build a
culture of love and honor in our
community?**

1. Allow for freedom

- ⦿ The challenge in allowing freedom is **risk**.
- ⦿ The value and purpose of freedom is love.
- ⦿ When we use our freedom to love, we will always protect the freedom of others.
- ⦿ Create a **safe place** for everyone to discover who they are and why they are here.

2. Don't be easily offended

- ⦿ Freedom will surface our differences – potential for conflict.
- ⦿ Learn to use honour to navigate through our differences.

“What offense does to you is it justifies you withholding your love... In fact, what punishment looks like most often is withholding love... We must set clear boundaries, as Scripture teaches, for people who do not repent. But we must learn to stop punishing people who do repent.”

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3. Communicate your needs

- ⦿ Learn to be vulnerable and transparent to others.
- ⦿ By communicating your needs, it does not mean that you can blame or control people when they fail to supply it.

To build a culture of honour:

- ⦿ It is **challenging** (involves denying ourselves, taking risk to be truthful, to be held accountable, and to be able to disagree without undermining others' convictions...)

- ◎ It is **rewarding** (the glory of God begins to flow into our lives, our families, our communities, bringing healing, restoration, reconciliation, blessing, joy, peace, wholeness...)
- ◎ It will be **tested** in times of disagreements and failures.