

## Honoring God Everyday – 1 Corinthians 10:31

Last week we focused on the fifth of God's ten commandments. From that message, we learned that honoring God is more than just acknowledging Him and His work in our life. We learned that "seeing others in the same manner as God sees them" is an important act of obedience that not only pleases the Father but also allows His character to shine in and through our actions. If honoring others demonstrates how much we value a faithful relationship with the Father, then we must also acknowledge that this simple act of obedience teaches us how to honor Him in our everyday life. So, as we move forward in our series on honor, let's continue along this path, remembering the command of Deuteronomy 5:16, and broadening our focus towards –

### *Honoring God in Everyday Life.*

There are some simple, foundational truths every believer knows belong to a life lived for God, and one of those is learning to honor Him. The challenge is not knowing this but living it out. Before we can live out honor faithfully, we must first understand what honor truly is; then we can turn our hearts to the practical ways God calls us to walk in it each day.

Honor is a virtue that recognizes and gives due weight to the worth, authority, and glory of God and to every person created in His image. Honor is expressed inwardly through reverence and leads to outward actions. Scripture calls us to give God all the glory He deserves and to treat others with dignity, respect, and love. The command to honor our parents reflects the tenderness of God's heart. In 1 **Corinthians 10:31**, Paul broadens that truth to every part of our life, saying, "*whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*" Actions like worship, obeying His commands, speaking truth to others with love, caring for the vulnerable, and stewarding our money, time, gifts, and relationships. To honor God is to treasure who He is and to let that love shape the way we live each day. When we do this, it is His name that gets lifted high and it is those around us who are touched by His goodness.

Honoring God is something every Christian knows about, but the real question is, *what does honoring God look like on Monday morning?* We often think honoring God is limited to what we do at church services, singing songs, prayers, praises, fellowship. But the Bible paints a much bigger picture. Honoring God is not just event based. It is a way of life! It is the faithful attitude of a heart that says, "Lord, You are worthy of all that I am." Today we'll see some practical, biblical ways Christians can honor God. Not just in theory, but in practice, in everyday life, everyday situations, everyday relationships, and everyday decisions.

**Worship** - Let's begin with worship. I've said this before; worship is more than just singing. **Psalm 29:2** says, "*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.*" Jesus said this about worshippers: "*But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.*" (**John 4:23-24**) We honor God when we sing with sincerity and purpose.

**Obedience** – We often view obedience from a legalistic lens. But true obedience is love expressed through heartfelt action. It's actions like rejecting shortcuts that compromise your trustworthiness, or choosing integrity when no one is watching, or telling the truth, even if it costs something. Obedience is something that flows out of love for God. We honor God when we obey His commands and directions. Jesus teaches in **John 14:15**, *“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”*

**Relationships** – Honor is most visible in how we treat other people. We honor God in our relationships when we practice patience and show genuine kindness toward other people. We honor God when we forgive quickly and in the same manner that He forgives. We honor God when we respect and love parents, spouses, children, elders, etc. When we honor people made in God's image, we honor the God who made them. Paul teaches in **Romans 12:10** that we should, *“Outdo one another in showing honor.”*

**Speech - Proverbs 18:21** says, *“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.”* Our mouths reveal our loyalty. Therefore, we can honor God when we speak truth without cruelty, or encourage more than we criticize, or refuse to gossip and share slanderous information. Our voices should be used to build up, to edify and bless and not to tear people down.

**Work - Colossians 3:23** says, *“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.”* Work becomes a form of worship when done with the right heart. Working diligently, showing up on time, keeping commitments and promises, practicing humility, respecting the low man in the same manner as the high man; these are all practical ways that we can honor God every day.

**Stewardship** – Everything we have is from God and we need to learn how to trust Him with it. Prioritizing these things will help us properly honor God. The Bible teaches us to act hospitably, to give generously, to invest in Kingdom work, and to manage our time wisely. Every resource, every blessing given to us should be used for serving others. Peter teaches us this in **1 Peter 4:10** — *“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another.”*

**Holiness** – The idea of holiness is often misunderstood. Too often we think holiness means loneliness, or it means that we must sit around in isolation, working to be perfect. Holiness is neither of these. Holiness is another of the commands found in the Bible. Peter also said in **1 Peter 1:16**, reminding us of God's words from Leviticus, *“Be holy, for I am holy.”* We pursue holiness and honor God when we take steps in our life that guard our eyes, guard our minds, and more importantly guard our hearts. Holiness is God honoring when we see it as imitation and not as isolation. Holiness is a life set apart for God.

**Gratitude** – Acknowledging the goodness and greatness of God brings Him honor. Paul encourages us in **1 Thessalonians 5:18** to “*Give thanks in all circumstances.*” Just because life seems unfair, or it seems too difficult, doesn’t mean that God lost His goodness. No, it just means the world is filled with sin and it has detrimental effects in our lives. You want to honor God, then makes sure to thank Him daily. Celebrate and give praise for answered prayers. Even if the answer is different than what you hoped for. Listen to these words from **Psalm 105:1-3**: *Oh, give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!*

**Mission** – Those words about giving thanks directs us to the last way we can honor God in our daily lives. We honor God when we make much of Him, when we make much of Jesus. We honor God in our mission service, when we share the gospel, or we serve our community with compassionate hearts. During the “Sermon on the Mount,” Jesus shared these words, “*let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*” (**Matthew 5:16**) Living a life that blesses others and makes Christ more believable is how inner reverence for God moves to outward expression and honor.

## **Conclusion**

Honoring God is not as complicated as we often make it. Honor is consistent. It’s not dramatic. It is daily reverence. It’s not about achieving perfection but is about moving in a God-given direction. Every choice, every conversation, every relationship, every dollar, every moment is an opportunity to honor the God who saved us.

So, the question I close with today is simple:

**Where is God calling you to honor Him more deeply?**

## **Invitation**

If you’ve drifted... return.

If you’ve grown cold... rekindle.

If you’ve been inconsistent... realign.

If you’ve never surrendered to Christ... today is a wonderful day for salvation.