

6. Abraham Honored His Men by Making Sure They Were Provided For

Genesis 14:24 Abraham said he would take nothing for himself, except what the young men had eaten and the portion belonging to the men who went with him.

**Victory is not just about winning the fight;
It's also about what success exposes in your character**

Honor is revealed in what we do with what God entrusts to us

Genesis 15:1 (NKJV) After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your **exceedingly great reward.**"



Understanding Honor – Part 5 – A Life of Honor

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1 Corinthians 10:11 (NKJV) Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition...

Abraham Honored God by Obeying His Word

Genesis 12:1, 4 (NKJV) Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you." So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him...

**Notice the simplicity:
God spoke - Abraham obeyed**

Abraham Honored God When He Didn't Have All the Details

Hebrews 11:8 (NKJV) By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

Abraham built altars four times in Genesis.

1. **Genesis 12:7** — Abraham built an altar after the Lord appeared to him and promised the land to his descendants.
2. **Genesis 12:8** — Abraham built another altar between Bethel and Ai and called on the name of the Lord.
3. **Genesis 13:18** — Abraham built an altar at Hebron after God reaffirmed the promise of the land and multiplied descendants.
4. **Genesis 22:9** — Abraham built an altar on Mount Moriah when he obeyed God concerning Isaac.

**Abraham's altars show that honor is not just a feeling—
it is a repeated response**

Genesis 14:14 (NLT) When Abram heard that his nephew Lot had been captured, he mobilized the 318 trained men who had been born into his household. Then he pursued Kedorlaomer's army until he caught up with them at Dan.

Genesis 14:15 (NLT) There he divided his men and attacked during the night. Kedorlaomer's army fled, but Abram chased them as far as Hobah, north of Damascus.

Genesis 14:16 (NLT) Abram recovered all the goods that had been taken, and he brought back his nephew Lot with his possessions and all the women and other captives.

Genesis 14:17 (NLT) After Abram returned from his victory over Kedorlaomer and all his allies, the king of Sodom went out to meet him in the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

Genesis 14:18 (NLT) And Melchizedek, the king of Salem and a priest of God Most High, brought Abram some bread and wine.

Genesis 14:19 (NLT) Melchizedek blessed Abram with this blessing: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth.

Genesis 14:20 (NLT) And blessed be God Most High, who has defeated your enemies for you." Then Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of all the goods he had recovered.

Genesis 14:21 (NLT) The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give back my people who were captured. But you may keep for yourself all the goods you have recovered."

Genesis 14:22 (NLT) Abram replied to the king of Sodom, "I solemnly swear to the Lord, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth,

Genesis 14:23 (NLT) that I will not take so much as a single thread or sandal thong from what belongs to you. Otherwise you might say, 'I am the one who made Abram rich.'

Genesis 14:24 (NLT) I will accept only what my young warriors have already eaten, and I request that you give a fair share of the goods to my allies—Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre."

1. Abraham Honored Family by Rescuing Lot

Genesis 14:14-16

Mark 7:9 (NKJV) He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.

Mark 7:10 (NKJV) For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.'

Mark 7:11 (NKJV) But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban"—' (that is, a gift to God),

Mark 7:12 (NKJV) then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother,

Mark 7:13 (NKJV) making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."

1 Timothy 5:8 (NLT) But those who won't care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers.

Honor acts in love, especially when others are in trouble.

2. Abraham Honored God by Recognizing Him as the Source of Victory

Genesis 14:18-20 After the battle, Melchizedek came out with bread and wine. He was both king of Salem and priest of God Most High.

A dishonorable heart says, "Look what I did."

An honorable heart says, "Look what the Lord has done."

**Honorable men & women seek to do what is right with integrity,
and always give God the credit**

3. Abraham Honored God with the Tithe

Genesis 14:20 "And he gave him a tithe of all."

Giving is one way honor becomes visible

Proverbs 3:9 (NKJV) "Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the first fruits of all your increase."

Proverbs 3:10 (NKJV) So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

2 Corinthians 9:6 (NKJV) But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NKJV) So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NKJV) And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

4. Abraham Honored the King of Sodom by Returning the People and Goods

Genesis 14:21-23 The king of Sodom said to Abraham: "Give me the persons, and take the goods for yourself."

Honor does not take advantage of another person's loss.

Honor refuses selfish advantage when the opportunity presents itself

Honor asks, "What is right before God?"

5. Abraham Honored God by Refusing to Let Sodom Take Credit for His Prosperity

Genesis 14:22-23 Abraham said: "I have raised my hand to the Lord, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth, that I will take nothing... lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich.'"

"Honor refuses anything that robs God of His glory."

Honor is not just what we receive; sometimes honor is what we refuse.