

6. “Love is not rude”

“You are valuable enough for me to treat you with care.”

7. “Love does not demand its own way”

**“I will not use people to get my way;
I will honor them while seeking God’s way.”**

8. “Love is not irritable”

“I will not make others pay for what I have not surrendered to God.”

9. “Love keeps no record of being wronged”

“I will not define you only by your worst moment.”

Love is the root; honor is the fruit.

Honor is an outward expression of love.

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**

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.

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.

Whenever God blessed Abraham, Abraham's response was often worship

**Dishonor takes credit
Honor gives glory to God**

**Honorable men seek to do what is right with integrity,
even when it seems to cost them.**

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

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.”**

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 “Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the first fruits of all your increase.”

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.

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.

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.

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 4 – Honor is Visible

Sunday, July 12, 2026

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

The word “Honor” is used 47 times in the New Testament in the NKJV.

1. **Father and mother** — Matthew 15:4; Matthew 19:19; Mark 7:10; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20; Ephesians 6:2-3
2. **One another in the body of Christ** — Romans 12:10
3. **Those to whom honor is due / governing authorities** — Romans 13:7
4. **All people** — 1 Peter 2:17
5. **The king / civil authority** — 1 Peter 2:17
6. **True widows** — 1 Timothy 5:3
7. **Elders / spiritual leaders who rule well** — 1 Timothy 5:17
8. **Masters / those in authority in work structures** — 1 Timothy 6:1
9. **Wives** — 1 Peter 3:7

**A believer is called to live a life of honor,
and honor is directly connected to the commandment of love.**

1 Corinthians 13:4 (NLT) Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud
1 Corinthians 13:5 (NLT) or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.

1. “Love is patient”
 “I value you enough not to throw you away during your process.”
2. “Love is kind”
 “I will treat you with dignity even when I could treat you harshly.”
3. “Love is not jealous”
 “I can honor what God is doing in you without feeling threatened.”
4. “Love is not boastful”
 “I do not need to lower others to feel important.”
5. “Love is not proud”
 “Every person has value, and I am not above correction.”