

SPIRITUAL HEALTHY FAMILY LIFE GROUP OUTLINE
CREATING A CULTURE OF HONOR
8/20/17

MEMORY VERSE:

“Honor everyone: love the brotherhood, fear God, Honor the king.” (I Peter 2:17 Berean Study Bible)

I. Introduction: When we create a culture of honor, we prepare an atmosphere for _____ to touch earth. Honor is the foundation for a spiritually healthy family.

II. How honor comes

A. Honor begins with our words. We need to establish a code of civility in our homes that begin with our _____.

This should include:

1. Differing without demonizing
2. Never _____
3. Never letting demeaning or _____ words come out of our mouth.

“A careless or wrongly placed word out of your mouth can do that. By our speech we can ruin the world, turn harmony to chaos, throw mud on a reputation, send the whole world up in smoke.” (James 3:6 MSG)

“But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of Hell.” (Mat. 5:22 NIV)

B. Honor means when parents discipline their kids they never _____ their spirit. *“Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”* (Eph. 6:4 NIV)

C. In marriage, honor is the bedrock of the unity between husbands and wives. Honor means to continue to communicate high esteem and value.

“So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.” (Eph. 5:33 NLT)

“In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. Treat her as an equal partner in God’s gift of new life.” (1 Peter 3:7 NLT)

- D. Showing honor and respect to people in our world is a key way we _____ for Christ and draw people towards God.

“Find the least among you and treat them like Jesus.” –Mother Teresa

“it is the kindness of God that leads towards repentance.” (Romans 2:4)

(ANSWERS: Heaven, words, stereotyping, inflaming, break, witness)

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What are some ways that you have observed a move towards a loss of civility in our culture today? How would you describe the level of civility where you work or go to school?
2. Can you describe a time where you felt truly honored by another person? How did that impact your life?
3. As Dale discussed a civility code in the home, where can you see some areas that you might need to stand up for civility in your family? What would you put at the top of the list as rules for honor you’d like to see in your home?
4. Below is a list quoted from the book, *Love and Respect*, that husbands and wives desire to feel honored. Which can you relate to? What others might you add?
 - Being listened to without them trying to fix me
 - Willing to just be close and spend time
 - Feeling they fully share the load around the home
 - Clearly sensing their commitment to me
 - Recognizing my love language and going out of your way to make me feel cherished
 - Appreciate my desire to work and achieve
 - Appreciate my effort to protect and provide
 - Appreciate my advice and opinions
 - Desire to encourage my dreams
 - Appreciate my desire for sexual intimacy
5. When it comes to our society, what are some ways that God wants us to bring His culture of honor into a culture of divisiveness and disrespect?
6. Who are some people who feel dishonored that God might want you to make a special effort to honor?