COMMANDED TO HONOR	

In 2020 my wife Viv read a book by John Bevere 'Honor Rewards' Id also heard a message on honor & an article You know Gods trying to tell you something when you come across a theme such as Honor

What I want to do is mainly let the Word teach us about Honor

Firstly. Hebrew word is the 'yagar' meaning both dear & expensive Greek 'to be appreciated' High respect, to value, great esteem, dignity, to pay homage, credit, approval, gratefulness. Opposite is dishonor is to disdain, put down, belittle, insult

1 HONOR GOD 1 Samuel 2:30 FOR THOSE WHO HONOR ME I WILL HONOR Revelation 5:12 In Heaven we will worship His power, might, glorify, bless, & honor God with your finances Proverbs 3:9 Honor the Lord with your wealth& the first of all produce Malachi 3:10 Giving God our 10th we Honor Him in what you say & do John 14:21one who has kept My commandments is the one who loves Me with our time Psalm 144:4 Isaiah 58:13,14 honoring the Lord on the Sabbath Colossians 4:5 time is precious we need to use it for every opportunity to reach the unsaved talents Matt 25:14-30 parable of the talents, honor Lord by how we use what God has given us temple 1 Corinthians 6:18-20 (see point treasure Matthew 6:21FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS THERE WILL BE YOUR HEART Proverbs 3:9 ticker(heart) Isaiah 29:13 Honor me with their lips Proverbs 3:5, 4:23, 23:26 Psalm 51:10 When our heart is in alignment to God, we honor Him

AW Tozer 'If God gives you a few more years, remember it's not your years or your time so honor God in your home, your activity & everything you do you must Honor God '

2 HONOR FATHER & MOTHER 4th commandment honor parents Exodus 20:12 receive long life means to respect & accept the teaching of our elders I haven't always honor my parents I do today & I regret that I said, I did things that dishonored them I repent of my selfish actions & attitudes (maybe you need to reflect on your situation right now & ask yourself have I honored my parents? Forget about the excuses & our selfish reasonings Forgive them they are human to Look beyond their faults

Matthew 15:4-6; Do not speak evil of them 19:19 Ephesians 5:21; 6:2 Luke 18:20 Mark 10:19; 7:10 Interesting how many times in the New Testament it requotes the commandment Honor Father & Mother And the reward that you will live a long life

3 HONOR SPOUSES 1 Peter 3:7 Show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life so that your prayers will not be hindered

Ephesians 5:33 love his own wife even as himself & the wife must see to it that she respects her husband

4 HONOR ELDERLY Levitus 19:32 You shall rise up before the gray-headed & honor the aged & you shall revere your God I am the Lord

5 HONOR EMPLOYERS Personally I have found this difficult when I felt I was wronged Forgive me Lord 1 Peter 2:18 Servants be submissive to your masters with all respect not only to those who are good & kind but also to those who are unreasonable 1 Timothy 6:1 masters are worthy of all honor

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6 HONOR CHURCH LEADERS Ever found some leaders are easier than others to acknowledge I have always sort to obey & serve those over me because ultimately, they are accountable to God, not us 1 Thessalians 5:12,13 appreciate those who diligently labor among you & have charge over you in the Lord & give instruction esteem them highly in love

7 HONOR GOVERNMENT Romans 13:1,2 every person is in subjection to the governing authorities For there is the no authority except from God & those who exist are established by God therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God (The exception here is when a Government vitiates the principles of God) 2 Peter 2:9,10 despising authority 1 Timothy 2:1,2

8 HONOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY police, military Romans 13;3 do you want to have no fear of authority (respect) seeing anarchy these days with the police getting killed Luke 23:24 When authorities are there to protect us & not control us, we must honor them as we do with those who sacrificed their life for our liberty in war

9 HONOR YOUR CHILDREN value them Ephesians 6:4 Fathers do not provoke your children to anger but bring them up in the discipline & instruction of the Lord Key word discipline Train up a child in the way they should go & they will not depart from it Disciplined children are a blessing from God

10 HONOR OTHERS BEFORE YOURSELF Romans 12:10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love give preference to one another in honor Mark 12:30,31 Love neighbor as yourself I love & cherish the motto Do unto others as would have it done to you If the world would do this it would a much better place in which to live instead of everyone only caring about themselves & what they can get

11 HONOR YOUR BODIES 1 Corinthians 6:12,19,20 3:16,17 exercise water nutrious food seek medical advice, reduce stress Avoid anything that is damaging our bodies, you were brought at a price Honor God with your bodies 1 Corinthians 6:20 Everything is permissible for me, not everything is helpful Everything is permissible to me but I will not be brought under the control of anything 1 Corinthians 6:12 Along with body HONOR YOURSELF in other value yourself, when you do that you honor God because you are His creation a beautiful reflection of Him

12 HONOR FATHERS OF THE FAITH could come under church leaders but feel it should be separate mentors in our lives are truly a gift from God 1 Timothy 5:17 A spiritual father is that person God puts in your life to help you become all that God has called you to be Spiritual fathers transfer knowledge & wisdom to sons & daughters Proverbs 13:20 Walk with the wise & be wise

It says a lot about character of a person by what they value & whom they honor Our character is everything encapsulated in Christ likeness to a world that so desperately needs to know & see Godly principles lived out & through our lives Lets determine to be a people who those whom we are to HONOR That ultimately Christ is honored

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