

How To Build Friendships That Will Last A Lifetime
Honor One Another
Romans 12:10

Series: Love One Another – Part 10

Introduction

“There is no limit to what God **will** do if we don’t care **who gets the credit!**”

- A Snapshot To Remember!
- A Command To Obey!
- A Warning To Heed!
- An Opportunity To Seize!

I.

◆ **Honoring Others Above Ourselves is the “Acid Test” of How Much We Really Love One Another**

1 It was just before the Passover Feast, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. 2 The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

John 13:1-5 (NIV)

12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. 13 “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

John 13:12-17 (NIV)

Key Observations:

1. Honoring others is motivated by _____.
2. Security in God's plan allows us to choose _____.
3. Honoring others begins with _____.
4. Position and power are stewardships for _____.

5. Real happiness comes when we make others _____, not hog the limelight.

Summary

Honoring others is enjoying and celebrating the worth, success, and accomplishments of others more than my own.

II.

- ◆ **What Does “Honoring Others” Look Like In Your Life?**

Step 1 – Evaluate

When was the last time you honored someone above yourself?

Step 2 – Questions To Ponder

- Do you compliment others sincerely?
- Do you enjoy the success of others?
- Can you let others be the center of attention?
- Can you allow others to get credit even when you had a major role?
- Do you feel bad, slighted, hurt, or angry when you work or service goes unnoticed?

III.

◆ **What Happens When We Honor Others Above Ourselves?**

- The **Great** Paradox – Philippians 2:9-11

- The **Awesome** Promise – Matthew 23:5-12

- The **Timeless** Prayer – St Francis of Assisi

IV.

◆ **Conclusion**

Many relationships start well, but few end well. Those who habitually honor others build friendships that last a lifetime.