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Message Notes



### **People-ing 101: Building Community One Story at a Time** **"Honor One Another"** **Pastor Tony Myles | June 1, 2025**

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**The Problem:** Our culture is drowning in \_\_\_\_\_.  
It's become common to comically and verbally \_\_\_\_\_  
someone who speaks, acts, looks or thinks different... but different isn't \_\_\_\_\_.

What's the alternative to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_?

**The Instruction:** Reclaim \_\_\_\_\_ through honor. (**Romans 12:9-16**)

- Not quick flattery, but \_\_\_\_\_. (v.9)
- Not a trade-off, but committed \_\_\_\_\_. (v.10)
- Not reluctant, but \_\_\_\_\_. (v.11)
- Not comfortable, but \_\_\_\_\_. (v.12)
- Not selective, but \_\_\_\_\_. (v.13)
- Not reactive, but \_\_\_\_\_. (v.14)
- Not unresponsive, but \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 15)
- Not competitive, but \_\_\_\_\_. (v.16)

The Proof: Honor in \_\_\_\_\_.

Honor up

(Who? \_\_\_\_\_ How? \_\_\_\_\_)

Honor down

(Who? \_\_\_\_\_ How? \_\_\_\_\_)

Honor around

(Who? \_\_\_\_\_ How? \_\_\_\_\_)

The Danger:

Confusing the \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_.

(Romans 12:1-2)

- Honoring others is rooted in valuing or setting a \_\_\_\_\_ on someone. Who or what typically sets that for you?
- When you spend your day responding to God, you'll start to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ differently.

The Distractions: Our default excuses to take a pass.

- Self-\_\_\_\_\_
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### SO MY NEXT STEP IN PEOPLE-ING 101:

- Explore the " \_\_\_\_\_ " (see Romans ch. 8-11)
- Say 'YES!' to Jesus.
- Lose the \_\_\_\_\_.

Don't miss this...

You can't honor the \_\_\_\_\_ if you dishonor \_\_\_\_\_.

***Tell us about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey!***

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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

*Finish this sentence: "The one thing that someone has said to me that has stuck with me the longest is..."*

1. How would you describe what **Romans 12:10** is calling for; what would that look like in real life?
2. Pastor Tony identified the problem in our culture: we are "drowning in dishonor." Think through this past week. Where have you seen people dishonoring each other, whether it be on social media, in person in the grocery line, or simply on your commute to work?
3. Read **Romans 12:9-16**. Which of these are the easiest...or most difficult for you to live out in your relationships?
4. What are some ways that you can live out the idea of honoring "in every direction"? Who do you need to begin with?
5. After reading **Romans 12:1-2** review the 4 "self" default excuses. In what ways have they distracted you from honoring others, and how can these verses help you refocus your priorities so that honoring others becomes part of your Spirit-filled life?

## PERSONAL GUIDE

*Day One:* Mark 7; Psalm 124

*Day Two:* Numbers 7; Proverbs 31

*Day Three:* Galatians 1; 1 Kings 20

*Day Four:* Revelation 16; Ezekiel 1

*Day Five:* Song of Songs 8; Acts 12



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- Self-defense
- Self-sufficiency
- Self-doubt

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Small Group Discussion &  
Personal Guides on the back

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