

Introduction

When we demonstrate the attributes we are commanded from scripture, the world takes note and it leaves an indelible impression on them.

We want to know how does the bible instructs us to connect with one another

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The letter “O” reminds us to outdo one another in showing honor.

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Do not lack diligence; be fervent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer.

Share with the saints in their needs; pursue hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.

Be in agreement with one another. Do not be proud; instead, associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own estimation.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Try to do what is honorable in everyone's eyes.

If possible, on your part, live at peace with everyone.

Friends, do not avenge yourselves; instead, leave room for His wrath. For it is written: Vengeance belongs to Me; I will repay, says the Lord.

But If your enemy is hungry, feed him.If he is thirsty, give him something to drink. For in so doing you will be heaping fiery coals on his head. Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

1. The Foundation of Honor

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The key ingredient in interpersonal relationships is authentic love



If anyone has this world's goods and sees his brother in need but closes his eyes to his need—how can God's love reside in him? Little children, we must not love with word or speech, but with truth and action.

Most people know how to pretend to
love others

Love is not what you say, it is what you do.



Submit to one another in the fear of
Christ.

Ephesians 5:21

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Do nothing out of rivalry or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves.

In what ways is Christian love more
that just emotion?



2. The Attitudes of Honor

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Romans 12:11–16

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It is interesting that almost every exhortation requires our minds to go somewhere opposite of where they would go naturally

He gives strength to the weary and
strengthens the powerless. Youths
may faint and grow weary, and young
men stumble and fall,

Isaiah 40:29–31

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but those who trust in the Lord will
renew their strength; they will soar on
wings like eagles; they will run and not
grow weary; they will walk and not
faint.

If we are going to be successful in honoring others, it is going to require that we fix our eyes on something other than our circumstances and the variables that may have caused them.

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that not even death or life, angels or rulers, things present or things to come, hostile powers, height or depth, or any other created thing will have the power to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord!

Romans 8:37–39

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Viewing our circumstances from God's perspective can have a profound impact on our attitude towards our situation and give us the strength that is required to rise above it.

keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that lay before Him endured a cross and despised the shame and has sat down at the right hand of God's throne.

Therefore we do not give up. Even though our outer person is being destroyed, our inner person is being renewed day by day.

For our momentary light affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory.

So we do not focus on what is seen,
but on what is unseen. For what is
seen is temporary, but what is unseen
is eternal.

“Words can never adequately convey the incredible impact of our attitude toward life. The longer I live the more convinced I become that life is 10 percent what happens to us and 90 percent how we respond to it.”

Chuck Swindoll

3. The Actions of Honor



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Romans 12:18–21

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We will know that our attitudes and actions are where they should be, when we show honor toward those whom we never could've imagined

and a man's enemies will be the
members of his household.

Matthew 10:36

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Unfortunately, some believers have enemies because they lack love and patience, the do not cultivate the attitudes of honor.

But I tell you, love your enemies and
pray for those who persecute you,

Matthew 5:44–48

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so that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. For He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

For if you love those who love you,
what reward will you have? Don't even
the tax collectors do the same?

And if you greet only your brothers,
what are you doing out of the
ordinary? Don't even the Gentiles do
the same?

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 5:44–48

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We need to pray and ask God for love and show kindness to our enemies through us.

Even if our enemy is not converted,
we have still experienced the love of
God in our own hearts and have
grown in grace.

Would you be willing to surrender your own rights this morning in order for the Lord to do his work to transform you and to grow your heart in His peace and His grace?

Homework: 1 Peter 4:7-11