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In Trust With The Gospel

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Seeking Honour

How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that [cometh] from God only? [Jhn 5:44 KJV]

Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) [Eph 6:2 KJV]

I suppose there is a difference between truly bestowing honor on our parents rather than seeking to be honored by other men.

If we seek to be honored, it should be the honor that comes from God only, which is manifest through walking in obedience to his commands and precepts.

This is the same way we honor our father and mother, not by observing a day in which corporate America has selected in order to boost sales of oftentimes soon forgotten and meaningless trinkets.

First and foremost, we should honor our parents, not because everyone is expected to do so during a yearly commercial observance, but we should honor them everyday, motivated by an earnest love and respect for them. We honor them when they see our daily walk reflecting those values they taught and instilled in us as we grew up in their household. We honor them when they see us diligently attempting to raise our own children in the nurture and admonition of The Lord, as they did. We honor them when we make time in our busy schedule to stop and visit them, call them and acknowledge our love for them. We honor them when we selflessly attend to their needs once they begin to advance in age. And we honor them when we give them an esteemed place in our petitions before God's throne of grace.

Doing these things is what true honor is about. Not a once a year gift of golf balls or cheap aftershave. Most often when we follow the traditions of the world we are actually seeking honor from one another rather than truly bestowing it.

Then the next holiday rolls around and there we go again. Now the focus is on another parent. And more pressure to conform to the world.

When we truly honor our father and mother, we seek the honor that comes from God only.

Not just one day a year, but everyday friends.

