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Outdo one another in showing honour...

Romans 12:10b

To *honour* is bestow high worth to something. The measure of an employer's honour for their staff includes how much they remunerate them. The measure of how much a husband honours his wife includes how much attention he gives to her and her needs (1Peter 3:7). To honour is therefore to regard someone or something as important and to demonstrate that regard.

1. How does Exodus 20:12 teach us where we are each supposed to learn to begin to *honour*? (What implications does this have for parents?)

2. According to Leviticus 19:32, what should young people learn to do and why would God want them to particularly learn this?

God wants us each to learn to honour those who bear not just His image but aspects of His nature so that we can better honour Him.

3. How are we to honour God according to Proverbs 3:9 and why is this so difficult for some?

4. God requires of us to show honour to those who don't usually experience honour. Note Proverbs 14:31. How does this verse illustrate this principle of honour?

5. While praising God is an important way to honour God, what can we deduce from Isaiah 26:13 about what genuine honour must entail? (Mark 7:6)

Honouring others is ultimately a way of honouring God. But this does not exempt us from simultaneously honouring God directly with our worship (note Mal. 1:6).

6. How did Jesus command that His followers honour the Father in John 5:23, and what does this tell us about Jesus?

7. Note the context of Romans 13, and consider verse 7. Who do we *owe* honour to?

8. While we are to show honour to people generally (1Pet. 2:17), there are some to whom we are told to honour especially. Who does this include? (Philippians 2:29)

9. Within the local church, are there those who should be shown *more* honour than others? Explain. (1Timothy 5:17)

Amen.