

## **It's An Honor to Receive - Bible Study Lesson**

**Honor: hold in great respect, hold in high esteem, have a high regard for, esteem, respect, admire, defer to, look up to, think highly of**

**Dishonor: fail to observe or respect, discredit, degrade, debase, lower, cheapen, drag down, give a bad name to, show in a bad light**

**Hebrews 13:7 (AMP)**

**7 Remember your leaders [for it was they] who brought you the word of God; and consider the result of their conduct [the outcome of their godly lives], and imitate their faith [their conviction that God exists and is the Creator and Ruler of all things, the Provider of eternal salvation through Christ, and imitate their reliance on God with absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness].**

God uses a specific tool to take our churches, lives, and families to the next level. It is your pastor. Rather you know it or not, other than God, your spouse and your children; your pastors are probably the most important people as it relates to living a Godly life. When you learn to properly honor this God-given relationship, you will begin to live an abundant life. With this in mind, let's examine: **It's An Honor to Receive**

**2 Chronicles 20:20 (NASB)**

**20 They rose early in the morning and went out to the wilderness of Tekoa; and when they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, O Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, put your trust in the Lord your God and you will be established. Put your trust in His prophets and succeed."**

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### **Proverbs 29:18 (NASB)**

**18 Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, But happy is he who keeps the law.**

God will always give a vision or Word to a man or woman of God. When you support that Word, you will fulfill the call of God on your life. Sitting under a visionary is unlike anything else. They have seen the future that faith and belief will create. They will not be ok with you just sitting there. Your life will have to come up to what they've seen. **COULD THE REASON YOU'RE NOT THERE YET BE, BECUASE YOU'RE NOT A VISION SUPPORTER?** (If you don't give, don't show up, don't encourage, it's because you haven't bought into the vision.)

#### **2. It's an honor to receive vision.**

### **1 Corinthians 4:15 (NASB)**

**15 For if you were to have countless tutors in Christ, yet you would not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.**

There is a reason your pastors teach you different than other people do. They have a different perspective. The way God honors you is by giving your pastors His perspective. He/she has the benefit of God's Word. **THE VOCABULARY OF THE KINGDOM IS DIFFERENT.** Let the weak say.... Let the poor say... In the gift God gave you is the ability to access His perspective through His gift.

#### **3. It's an honor to receive perspective.**

### **1 Kings 19:19-21 (NASB)**

**19 So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, while he was plowing with twelve pairs of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth. And Elijah passed over to him and threw his mantle on him.**

**20 He left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Please let me kiss my father and my mother, then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?”**

**21 So he returned from following him, and took the pair of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the implements of the oxen, and gave it to the people and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah and ministered to him.**

When God wants to bless you, He brings someone into your life. God presents. It's up to you and I to discern the purpose of the relationship. “When the purpose for a thing is not realized, abuse is inevitable.” Dr. Myles Monroe **COULD YOU BE MISSING THE OUT ON THE LIFE GOD HAS FOR YOU, BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T ALLOWED YOUR PASTORS TO CALL OUT YOUR PURPOSE?**

**4. It's an honor to receive purpose.**

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NLT)**

**4 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud**

**5 or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.**

**6 It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.**

**7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.**

One of the most special things about your pastors is that God has given them the grace for the office. That grace comes with a love that won't allow them to give up on you. You can mess up, fall down, walk out and come back. It will hurt. But God will have them there with open arms. **WHO KNEW GOD PUT ALL THAT IN YOUR PASTORS?**

**5. It's an honor to receive love.**

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