

Respect & Honor
Christmas Classics: White Christmas – Part 2 of 4
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The root of “kabod” (the Hebrew word for honor) literally means heavy or weighty.

The figurative meaning, however is far more common: “to give weight to someone”

Baker’s Theological Dictionary

Christ followers are commanded to show honor to everyone (1 Peter 2:17)

1 Peter 2:17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. ESV

Psalms 8:5-6 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet ESV

3 Ways to Show Honor:

1. Give special honor to those who sacrifice for us (Philippians 2:29-30)

Philippians 2:29-30 So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, ³⁰ for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me. ESV

Next slide: “honor such men” (please highlight this phrase)

2. Refuse to dishonor through gossip (Proverbs 16:28)

Proverbs 16:28 A perverse person stirs up conflict, and a gossip separates close friends. NIV

James 3:9-10 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ESV

3. Give gifts as expressions of honor (Matthew 2:11)

Matthew 2:11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. NIV84

My Next Step Today is to...

- ☐ Show honor to _____ this Christmas season
- ☐ Give to the Christmas Offering
- ☐ Write a thank you card, email or text to those who've led and served me