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Romans 13:7 *Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.*

According to the thesaurus, honor has these synonyms: "esteem, respect, pay homage to, assign value to." The Greek word translated "honor" in our English Bibles, timao, means "to prize, fix a valuation upon; by implication, to revere" (Strong's Concordance). Showing honor, then, means treating another respectfully because we value them highly.

So is honor due to anyone? Should we put a value on any man or woman, or should we honor God alone? What does the Bible say? A study with a concordance reveals just how much God has to say about honoring others. He does not limit it to honoring our parents.

The truth is that we will never sincerely respect, prize, value, or honor anyone until and unless we start with an attitude of humility. Honoring and respecting others will not happen when a superior or holier-than-thou approach is present. Paul tells us to *"esteem others better than" himself* (**Philippians 2:3**).

When we truly repent of what we are and how we regularly fall short of God's holiness, we cannot remain in a proud mood. Perhaps we can learn from some of those who have lived God's way before us. John the Baptist says of himself: *"He (Christ) must increase, but I must decrease"* (**John 3:30**). Paul considers himself *"the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle"* (**1Corinthians 15:9**). He also writes that he is *"less than the least of all the saints"* (**Ephesians 3:8**). History will conclude otherwise, but it opens a window into Paul's thinking. We are to love others as ourselves, honoring them to the best of our abilities.

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At His service,
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