**Kingdom Homestead Community Vision**

**As a place to live in community with other people who desire to walk closer with the Lord and other believers.**

* + God uses other people, His children and His family, to help to shape each one of us so that we learn to walk in the spirit, turning away from our flesh, to grow into the person that God made us to be.
  + The more we allow God to shape us by cutting away our flesh, the more we grow. This happens through relationship with our Creator and through endeavoring to have healthy relationships with others.
  + Our heart is to be a community of believers living out discipleship principles as dedicated followers of Jesus trusting the Lord to be our only protector and provider.

In order to fulfill these purposes, we believe that it is critical for each resident, who God calls to live in community with others, to commit to the following practices whole heartedly:

* Endeavoring to **honor** each person within the community and outside the community. Biblically, honor is: to give weight or to grant a person a position of respect and even authority in one's life.  (\* See addendum on what honor is and what it looks like practically)
* Practicing ongoing **forgiveness and repentance** as a part of the whole-hearted lifestyle. (We refer to this as “Whole Hearting” yourself.) It is not acceptable to carry unforgiveness because this is not God’s best for each of us. A primary goal of every believer is to walk in the spirit and turn away from the flesh. (Psalm 51:10, John 3:5-8, Galatians 5:16) Resources are available to help each resident in this area.
* **Spending time with the Lord** – This can look like journaling, prayer, waiting upon the Lord in the quiet and still place to hear His voice. It may include worship, soaking, or time in His Word studying or declaring the truth of His Word over your life.
* **Actively participate in the community -** For the health and well-being of the community, it will be vital for every member of the community to participate in daily life as they are able to. Opportunities will include but are not limited to: facilities maintenance, construction, electrical, plumbing, farming, gardening, ranching, food and meal preparation, teaching, worship leading, healthcare, and administration.

**More on the topic of Honor:**

* Most occurrences of honor in the Old Testament are translations of some form of kabod [[d/b'K](http://www.biblestudytools.com/lexicons/hebrew/nas/kabowd.html)], while in the New Testament they are derivatives of timao [[timavw](http://www.biblestudytools.com/lexicons/greek/nas/timao.html)]. These terms are generally used with reference to the honor granted fellow human beings, though in some cases they are used to describe the honor a person grants God.
* The root of kabod [[d/b'K](http://www.biblestudytools.com/lexicons/hebrew/nas/kabowd.html)] literally means heavy or weighty. The figurative meaning, however, is far more common: "to give weight to someone." To honor someone, then, is to give weight or to grant a person a position of respect and even authority in one's life. A person grants honor most frequently on the basis of position, status, or wealth, but it can and should also be granted on the basis of character.
* While honor is an internal attitude of respect, courtesy, and reverence, it should be accompanied by appropriate attention or even obedience. Honor without such action is incomplete; it is lip service ( [Isa 29:13](http://www.biblestudytools.com/isaiah/29-13.html) ). God the Father, for example, is honored when people do the things that please him ( [1 Cor 6:20](http://www.biblestudytools.com/1-corinthians/6-20.html) ). Parents are honored through the obedience of their children.
* The source of all honor is God on the basis of his position as sovereign Creator and of his character as a loving Father. God the Father has bestowed honor on his Son, Jesus Christ ( [John 5:23](http://www.biblestudytools.com/john/5-23.html) ). He bestowed honor on humanity by creating man a little lower than the angels ( [Psalm 8:5-6](https://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=Psalms+8:5-6) ). He has also created spheres of authority within human government, the church, and the home. The positions of authority in those spheres are to receive honor implicitly.
* The granting of honor to others is an essential experience in the believer's life. Christians are to bestow honor on those for whom honor is due. The believer is to honor God, for he is the sovereign head of the universe and his character is unsurpassed. The believer is to honor those in positions of earthly authority, such as governing authorities ( [Rom 13:1-7](https://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=Romans+13:1-7) ), masters ( [1 Tim 6:1](http://www.biblestudytools.com/1-timothy/6-1.html) ), and parents ( [Exod 20:12](http://www.biblestudytools.com/exodus/20-12.html) ). As a participant in the church, the believer is also called to honor Jesus Christ, the head of the church ( [John 5:23](http://www.biblestudytools.com/john/5-23.html) ), fellow believers ( [Rom 12:10](http://www.biblestudytools.com/romans/12-10.html)), and widows ( [1 Tim 5:3](http://www.biblestudytools.com/1-timothy/5-3.html) ).

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionaries/bakers-evangelical-dictionary/honor.html>