



# CrossTalk

## Fight for The Family

The power of honor is the glue that keeps a family, a church, and a community together. The following are excerpts from a House United.

Practice showing honor for just one month to those in authority over you and to those in submission to you. Honor will transform your world. The lesson for us is profound: Our future and the future of our children is attached to how well we understand the value of honor and the curse that follows us when we exploit the imperfections of those in authority over us (cf Gen 9; Ex 20:12). Nations are not only governed by laws but also unique societal mores. For Americans, liberty is the identifying trait. Yet when the core standard of a people is freedom itself, whatever virtues restrain freedoms (such as self-denial, honor or compliance) often are devalued as flaws. As a result, a society that learns to minimize honor minimizes the positive effect the principles of honor have upon its basic institutions. (home and church). The DNA of the early pioneers remains a constant motive in the American psyche: Americans are still looking for a new world...new ideas, new philosophies, and new trends. ..We have become one huge reaction to authority and tradition. "no rules" has become the rallying cry for a spirit that infects our culture. In truth, the seeds of this defiant attitude were sown long ago...During the revolutionary war, the Gadsden Flag more than any other embodied the sentiment of a host of patriots. It was a coiled serpent with the inscription "don't tread on me". You will recall that Jesus specifically told His disciples they would "tread on serpents" (Lk 10:19). Yet woven into the fabric of the American culture is the brazen defiance: "don't tread on me". We say-often quite righteously- we will honor only God. This is especially troublesome when we consider New Testament Scriptures that call us to the exact opposite approach in our relationships.



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Let us Fight for our Family!

Ok, so we know that we should show honor, but how?

Step One: Offer Prayers of Thanksgiving for those in your Natural and Spiritual Families

Step Two: Repent of negative thoughts or feelings toward your Natural and Spiritual Families and forgive offenses or misunderstandings

Step Three: Audibly speak prayers of blessings over your Natural and Spiritual Families

Step Four: Show deference: take the low road or backseat. Humble oneself  
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### Points of Interest!

Romans 13:1-7  
Romans 12:10  
1 Timothy 5:17  
Philippians 2:3

### Suggested Reading

- ♦ *Breaking Strongholds in the AA Family: Strategies for Spiritual Warfare* by Dr. Clarence Walker
- ♦ *A House United: How Christ-Centered Unity can end church division* by Francis Frangipane
- ♦ *Family Beyond Limits* by Rod Parsley
- ♦ *Praying Effectively for the Lost* by Lee E. Thomas
- ♦ *Kingdom Living for the Family* by Frank and Ida Mae Hammond
- ♦ *Any of The 5 Love Languages* books by Gary Chapman