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## **“Welcoming Jesus?”**

*“A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name...” (Malachi 1:6)*

### **The Proxy Principle**

**John 5:23** – “...Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.”

**John 13:20** – “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.”

**Matthew 25:34-40** – (34) “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. (35) For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, (36) I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ (37) Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? (38) And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? (39) And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ (40) And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”

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| <b>Key Point: Jesus visits everyday in different ways</b> |
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### **Putting it to Practice**

#### **(1) Toward Your Spouse**

**Ephesians 5:22-23, 25** – (22) “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. (23) For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.”

(25) “Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her”

**1 Peter 3:7** – “Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.”

## **(2) Towards Parents**

**Ephesians 6:1-3** – (1) “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.  
(2) ‘Honor your father and mother’ (this is the first commandment with a promise),  
(3) ‘that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.’”

**1 Timothy 5:4, 8** – (4) “But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God. (8) But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”

## **(3) Towards Children**

**Luke 9:47-48** – (47) “But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put him by his side (48) and said to them, ‘Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great.’”

## **Questions:**

What impacted me the most in this message?

Is honoring God correlated to my treatment of people?

(Is. 58:6-10; Matt. 25:34-40; Heb. 13:1-2)

Do I need to reframe life to watch for “Jesus visits”?

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