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## **“Welcoming Jesus?” (2)**

*“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.”

**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.’”

### **Key Point: Jesus visits everyday in many different ways**

**(1) Toward Your Spouse; (2) Towards Parents; (3) Towards Children – (5/27/12)**

#### **(4) Towards those with a Weak Conscience**

**1 Corinthians 8:9-12** – (9) “But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. (10) For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? (11) And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. (12) Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.”

**1 Corinthians 10:27-28** – (27) “If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. (28) But if someone says to you, ‘This has been offered in sacrifice,’ then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience”

### **(5) Towards those in Need**

**Proverbs 17:5** – “Whoever mocks the poor insults his Maker...”

**Proverbs 19:17** – “Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.”

### **(6) Towards those who have wronged Me**

**Philemon 10-12, 17-18** – (10) “I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (11) (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) (12) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. (17) So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. (18) If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.”

**Matthew 18:29-35** – (29) “So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ (30) He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. (31) When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. (32) Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. (33) And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ (34) And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. (35) So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

### **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”?

Am I holding unforgiveness in my heart?

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)