

Samuel Anoints David

1 Samuel 16:1-13

1 Peter 2:17

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What is God looking for? The story of Samuel and David shows that. The Bible is full of stories about what God is looking for in our lives. Honor runs deep within whom we are. God is looking for honor in the depth of our soul. "For the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

I

The dictionary describes honor as "honesty, fairness, or integrity in one's beliefs and actions reflecting the highest moral principles absent of deceit or fraud." But I am a mere human.

What steps can I take in my life to begin to see others as God sees me? Is true honor possible?

WE

Honoring God requires that we know Him - an ever growing and evolving, life-long process.

What are some everyday practices that will help us to "know God" more clearly? Does our depth of knowledge of God directly relate to our recognition of the beauty in the hearts of others? How does this affect our approach to relationships?

THEY

God wants us to learn to honor everyone - even those who are often overlooked. Every interaction with others should come from humble, meek respect.

How are "**honor**" and "**respect**" connected? How is the concept of "**respect**" different from the concept of "**love**"? How can we develop a deeper attitude of respect toward others even those we might find less than lovable?