



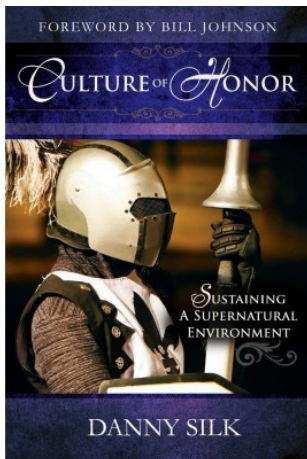
WEEK 2: THE ANATOMY OF HONOR

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- REVIEW: WHAT IS CULTURE?

- A set of values that everyone agrees on
- What we protect or punish
- What we reward or resist
- What we allow and disallow
- Culture is always influencing us, whether we realize it or not!

- AN EXCELLENT RESOURCE FOR LEARNING TO CULTIVATE HONOR:



CULTURE OF HONOR: SUSTAINING A SUPERNATURAL ENVIRONMENT BY DANNY SILK (DECEMBER 2009)

- A Supernatural Culture
- The Funnel from Heaven
- Governing from Heaven
- Dearly Loved Children of Light
- Freedom Practice ~ Developing a Wealth Mindset
- The Top Priority of Leadership
- Kingdom to Confrontation
- Revolution To Reformation To Transformation

- THE ANATOMY OF HONOR

¹² The human body has many parts, but the **many parts make up one whole body**. So it is with the body of Christ. ¹³ Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

¹⁴ Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. ¹⁵ If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an eye," would that make it any less a part of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything?

¹⁸ But **our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it.** ¹⁹ How strange a body would be if it had only one part! ²⁰ Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. ²¹ The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you."

²² In fact, **some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary.** ²³ And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So **we carefully protect** those parts that should not be seen, ²⁴ while the more honorable parts do not require this special care. So **God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity.** ²⁵ This makes for harmony among the members, **so that all the members care for each other.** ²⁶ If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad.

²⁷ **All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.** (1 Cor 12:12–27 NLT-SE)

- **We are part of something bigger than us**

- We didn't "join" the body of Christ, we were **baptized** into it
 - Let's look at the last verse in this section, first... "**All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.**"
 - 1Cor. 12:13 *Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But **we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.***

- **Love is what feeds our relationships, honor holds them together**

- The "**vertical**" aspect of relationship taps into Jesus (**Love**)
 - ⁶ *And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him.* ⁷ **Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him.** Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. (Col 2:6–7 NLT-SE)
- The "**horizontal**" aspect of relationship taps into the members of the body of Christ we are walking with (**Honor**)
 - *Love each other with genuine affection, and **take delight in honoring each other.*** (Rom 12:10 NLT-SE)
 - The **quality** and **depth** of our relationships will dictate how we function together as a whole.
 - A Culture of Honor say that you are **elevated** in your **status** because of your **relationship with me!**

- **What is honor and how does it work?**

- **Honor:** According to the dictionary
 - **Honor** means to **glory** in, give **value** to, to be **weighty**, to **promote**... 3513 **kabad** (same word for "glory") v. to be heavy, be weighty, be grievous, be hard, be rich, be honorable, be glorious, be burdensome, be honored
 - ⁹ *Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good.* ¹⁰ *Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in **honoring** each other.* (Rom 12:9–10 NLT-SE)
 - Larry Randolph put it this way, "**Look** for the glory God deposited in your mother and father, **lock** onto it, and **drag** it to the surface of your relationship with them."
 - **Honor is the only commandment** that God attaches a **blessing** to...
 - "**Honor** your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the LORD your God is giving you. (Ex 20:12 NLT-SE)
 - ¹ *Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do.* ² "**Honor** your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: ³ *If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth."* ⁴ *Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.* (Eph 6:1–4 NLT-SE)
- How do we **elevate the status** of another?
 - ¹ *After David had finished talking with Saul, he met Jonathan, the king's son. There was an immediate bond between them, for Jonathan loved David.* ² *From that day on Saul kept David with him and wouldn't let him return home.* ³ *And Jonathan made a solemn pact with David, because he loved him as he loved himself.* ⁴

Jonathan sealed the pact by taking off his robe and giving it to David, together with his tunic, sword, bow, and belt. (1 Sam 18:1–4 NLT-SE)

- **“Honor is a currency of Heaven...**It was intended to flow all the way from the Throne, into eternity. The inheritance that flows from generation to generation. When you’re elevated to peer level with Jesus, the was a lot of responsibility that came with that. And that’s what freedom does. Freedom brings responsibility for me to be me, no matter who you are, or how you treat me.” *Danny Silk*
- At the heart of honor is **respect** and **admiration**.
 - **Respect...**a feeling of honor, esteem or admiration for someone. It means valuing each others points of views. It means being open to being wrong. It means accepting people as they are. It means not dumping on someone because you're having a bad day. It means being polite and kind always, because being kind to people is not negotiable. It means not dissing people because they're different to you. It means not gossiping about people or spreading lies.
 - **Admiration...**A feeling of strong approval, pleasure, delight and often wonder with regard to someone or something.
- Honor celebrates **freedom**, **power**, and **potential**.
 - *You must be careful so that **your freedom** does not cause others with a weaker conscience to **stumble**. (1 Cor 8:9 NLT-SE)*
 - *For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, **use your freedom to serve one another in love**. (Gal 5:13 NLT-SE)*
 - “If you don’t know how to **protect freedom**, you won’t know how to create Heaven on Earth.” *Danny Silk*
- Honor **protects** the weak, **restores** the broken, and **encourages** the faithful.
 - **“What about you am I going to protect?”** ...*And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So we **carefully protect** those parts that should not be seen, (1 Cor 12:23 NLT-SE)*
 - **What about you am I willing to help restore?**...*In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, **he will restore, support, and strengthen you**, and he will place you on a firm foundation. (1 Pet 5:10 NLT-SE)*
 - **What in you am I going to encourage and try to draw out of you?**...*Dear brothers and sisters, I close my letter with these last words: Be joyful. Grow to maturity. **Encourage each other**. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you. (2 Cor 13:11 NLT-SE)*

- WHAT IS A CULTURE OF HONOR?

- **Heaven’s order**
 - **Danny Silk’s** book, *Culture of Honor*, is about relationships that release the life of Heaven into our churches. A “culture of honor” is probably not what you think it is. It is not about giving church leaders more control. **“It is actually about getting rid of control and cultivating self-control and freedom” (p.212). It’s about receiving people in their God-given identities.**
 - **Ephesians 4:11** tells us that God has anointed some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers. Danny Silk describes these fivefold anointings in terms of what each person might do at the scene of a car accident (see pp. 53-55):
 - The **pastor** applies first aid, dispenses blankets and water. He gathers vital sign information, talks to everyone about their emergency contact details and brings a sense of calm to the situation.
 - The **teacher** studies the scene to see what caused the accident and what might be done to ensure accidents like this don’t happen again. The teacher concludes that drivers would benefit from more training and continuing education requirements.

- The **evangelist** asks everyone “If you were to die as a result of your injuries, would you go to Heaven or Hell?” He speaks to the crowd of onlookers: “There are no guarantees that you will make it home safely. Do you know where you would go?” He then leads people to Christ and trains them to lead others.
- The **prophet** knew there was going to be an accident because he had a dream about it the previous night. He walks around the crash scene rebuking the spirit of death and calling out the destiny in various people. He discovers who’s in charge of the crash scene and discerns whether this is God’s chosen leader or not. If he finds no one in charge he will appoint a leader.
- The **apostle** releases the healing touch of God into the scene. He tells testimonies of how he has witnessed the power of God at other accident sites. The faith of the listeners rises and they too begin to pray for healing. The apostle starts a school for those who arrive at car accident scenes and sends them all over the world to do signs and wonders.