

6 Honouring Leaders part 1

Bible Verses

1 Corinthians 12:27-31

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then (workers of) miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

3 reasons

Leaders are God's **A**ppointment (for us), God's **A**rrangement (in the body) and God's **A**uthority (on them).

Rob mentions Renewal. This is a large church local to Jubilee.

James 5:14-15

Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

Worship Song

10,000 reasons

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtwIT8JjddM>

Journaling

In your journaling you may want to write your feelings and your prayers and ignore the prompts. The prompts are to help you and you can choose those that speak to you most. You can download these prompts as a PDF.

In our culture of fairness and equality what do you think about God's arrangement that some people have a greater anointing?

What anointing or gifting do you have? What gifting are you desiring?

Who inspires you to grow in your gifting?

What name have you given yourself? What name has God given you?

In your own church or workplace are you prepared to take the risk of honouring those that lead us or who have roles more prominent than ours? It will lead to incredible blessing.

Have you been hurt in the past by someone in authority? Have you been able to deal with this?

Apology and prayer

People here may in the past have been hurt, let-down, and mistreated even abused by leaders. But what I want to do in closing is a prophetic act which I believe will release you and bring healing into your life.

What I want to do first of all is as a kind of representative leader say to anyone who may have been hurt, damaged or even abused by a leader that I am genuinely sorry.

I am sorry for the hurt that you have experienced or the damage you have sustained at the hands of any leader.

I acknowledge that this was not right – it should never have happened – it was wrong. You are right that they should have protected, honoured and given you a safe place to grow.

(Parents, teachers, bosses or church leaders.) You may not ever hear this from his/her lips but I want to ask you to take this apology as if it were from them. God knows and he will judge.

Now I want to ask you to do something brave: Let go of your hurt and choose to forgive. Forgive them and receive healing. And make a decision before God today to honour and trust again. He can help you to do this.

I want to lead you in a prayer which I believe will bring you into a fresh place of freedom towards leaders and all those in authority.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father I acknowledge today that your word tells me to honour leaders and respect their authority.

I confess that I have not always done this and I ask you to forgive me as I also choose to forgive those leaders that have hurt me in the past.

I receive healing and claim my freedom in Jesus name. I now choose to trust you in this and to give honour and respect to those that you have appointed over me.

Amen.