



Jesus a Honored Guest

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TODAY'S READING: John 12

Jesus was at a dinner party at Simon the leper's house in Bethany. It was a place where His friends were, a place where He felt welcome, a place where He could rest. No doubt Jesus at times grew weary and looked forward to these times of serenity and peace. Here was a home in which Jesus was the honored guest. A question every Christian should ask is, "How welcome is Jesus in my home?"

There are many Christian homes wherein Jesus would not be all that comfortable today. Things that are watched on television, words that are used, things that are said all would be offensive to Him and would grieve His Spirit. There are many homes where Jesus would always feel like an outsider.

As Christ-followers we should have homes where Jesus is always the unseen guest. We should strive to live the kind of lives in private that could be viewed publicly without any shame. Honoring Jesus in your home means making Him the Lord or Master of your home. It means you would not have to spend hours getting rid of things or hiding things you would be ashamed for Him to see. It means there is no room, no closet, no drawer or cupboard into which He could not look. It means He would have free reign to go wherever He wanted, and you would have nothing to hide.

Honoring Jesus in your home means He would feel comfortable watching what you watch, listening to what you listen to, joining in your conversations and reading your magazines and books. Honoring Jesus in your home means always taking into account His presence. Honoring Jesus in your home, husbands, means treating your wife with the love and respect she is due. She is a gift from God to you and as your sister in the Lord, as one in whom the Spirit of God dwells, you honor Jesus in your home when you love her like you should.

Honoring Jesus in your home, wives, means loving your husbands as scripture teaches. It does not mean being a doormat but instead being a partner, suitably fit for his needs. It means allowing him to be the spiritual leader and following his lead. It means showing him respect. Honoring Jesus in your home, children, means obeying your parents, doing what they say without arguing; it means giving them the respect they deserve. After all, they are God's representative in your life.

Jesus was the welcome guest of honor in the house of Simon the leper. He should be honored in our homes as well. But if you are going to honor Jesus in your home you have got to honor Him from your heart.

PRAYER: Father, may we live our lives in such a way that You are honored no matter where we are, our home, work, during times of leisure, no matter where we are.

TOMORROW'S READING: John 13

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