

BE A VESSEL OF HONOR FOR THE LORD

We must bless the Lord by kneeling or bowing down before him, by surrendering to him.

It's very important that we examine our lives to see if there is anything in us that does not bless the Lord.

God wants everyone to be a vessel of honor.

If you will cleanse the vessel by asking God to forgive you of your sin, you will be a vessel of honor.

God is depending on us to be vessels of honor and to do the good works that he has prepared in advance for us to do.

God will give us the power to do those works as long as we are focused on blessing him.

We must ask ourselves, "Are we pleasing the Lord or are we pleasing ourselves?"

Just a few examples:

Are we pleasing the Lord with our entertainment?

Are we pleasing the Lord with our sabbath observance?

Are we pleasing the Lord with our dating and morality?

Are we pleasing the Lord with our food?

Three points:

1. Discern for ourselves.

Examine ourselves.

Use the Word of God and the Spirit of God, not other people, as your standard.

If we judge ourselves rightly, we will not be judged by God.

2. Discern from the Lord.

Ask the Lord to examine you.

If we discipline ourselves and our children, the Lord will not have to.

Endure hardship as discipline.

If you are under hardship, ask the Lord why.

3. Discern for one another.

Gently bring a word of correction to others, if appropriate to the relationship.

Gently restore others.

Honor God more than you honor anyone else.

Stand up for what is right.

SCRIPTURE LIST

Psalm 103:1	1 Samuel 2:27-29
2 Timothy 2:21	Hebrews 12:7
1 Samuel 2:12-17	Proverbs 13:24
1 Samuel 2:22-25	Galatians 6:1
1 Corinthians 11:31-32	1 Samuel 2:30