

Theft of Honor and the Mesmerizing Spirit  
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Exchange is the basic principle of life—at a cellular level—receiving and giving  
Where we voluntarily cease to exchange, we limit the amount of life that we can have.

Honor before exchange

God has designed us to be tribal and enjoy our own group but also to interface and enjoy other tribes—

Where there is dishonor there is no desire to exchange.

Where there is silence, same as dishonor.

**Theft of honor-** devastating to community- can be **based on reality or non reality.**

Enemy intent on stealing honor-- primarily thru the mesmerizing spirit

The Mesmerizing spirit controls focus:

- Giving honor to someone who will defile you.
  - Often goes hand in hand with the victim spirit
- Dishonoring those who are not honorable
  - many people have been rejected, alienated etc, because the mesmerizing spirit has been able to cause them to be seen/ & to see things in a particular way.
- Honoring those who are not worthy of honor
  - **Causes you to follow people who shouldn't be in leadership** because you focus on the one good thing that they say or are able to do for you.
- Focus on exaggerating the problems so cannot see the good or what God is doing.
  - Mesmerizing spirit focuses on the problems—bring problems so close-bigger than God's power and plans for you and God's design.

Primary focus of mesmerizing spirit is to defame God

- To draw our attention to whatever cannot be understood
  - (Adam and Eve)
- To change your focus to whatever looks bad or painful

Travesty when try to lead without honor

- Theology of control- use this to get people to follow because normally wouldn't follow them because they don't command respect
- Try to guilt/manipulate people to follow you
- Seek to honor oneself-- position oneself to gain honor

The honor you have will affect who will be and won't be drawn to you

God wants to give us extraordinary honor- receive that because we are life giving and walking in dominion.