

Volume 2, Day 31: How We Honor Others or God[JH]

I had a mentee some time ago who lacked discretion to a very great degree. I mentored her for years. Then one day the Holy Spirit directed me to reply to one of her texts that came at 5:30 am, "Please do not text before 8:00 am unless it is an emergency." I had formerly taken her calls and texts at all hours of the day or night. But God wanted me to get a good night's rest each night because my wife was in great medical distress and needed much personal care from me.

Well, for a few days, this mentee waited until after eight to begin texting. Then, wait for it, ..., 5:32 am "I know that you asked me to wait until after 8 o'clock ... BUT ..." At first I was, to be honest, a bit upset with her. After breakfast, when I had gathered myself and conferred with the Holy Spirit, He guided my thoughts as I made this reply, "Would it be possible for you to **honor** my requests as a token of your appreciation for my commitment to God which causes me to serve you on His behalf? And if you can't do it as a simple courtesy to me, **would you do it out of respect and love for God?**"

She texted back, "I honor you when you say don't text. I guess you think that I don't honor God." For me there was no guessing. She clearly stated that she honored me while totally ignoring my request. She continued, "Do you want me to never text again except on Monday between 5:30 and 6:00am?" She can't see herself honestly!

It just dawned on me that many of us unwittingly do that with God. We think we honor Him by saying we understand and will do what He desires. Then we act contrary to the desire which He has made perfectly clear! Maybe a long, hard look in the mirror would help me see who I really am as opposed to who I want to believe I am.