

## The Year of Sowing

### Prayer Guide

#### Week 12

### The Year of Sowing – Honor – One Another

*Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.*

#### Romans 12:9-10 (NLT)



**Prayer Focus:** Honoring one another begins with genuine love that is the fruit of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Many times in the church, our own prejudices and ideas force us to put on a mask around others we may not “like.” But Paul tells us that our love must not be pretend, but genuine and that can only happen by the power of the Holy Spirit. When we can genuinely love others with the love of God, then we are in a place where we can “take delight” in honoring one another. Paul says we are to do this by preferring the others before ourselves. What would happen in the church if the members of the church spent time thinking how they could honor and put the needs of other before their own? What would happen in the church if members took delight in honoring even those that under normal circumstances they would not associate with? Such was the case in the early church among the disciples who came from various backgrounds, and yet by the power of the Holy Spirit, demonstrated their love so that the world was impacted in a generation. This is no idle admonition that Paul lightly added, but the command of God for how we are to conduct ourselves with one another preferring, and taking delight to honor others above ourselves.

**Day 1:** Ask the Lord to search your heart for any way you have “pretended” to love others.

**Day 2:** Repent of the ways your love for other has not been genuine, or you have not sought to honor other above yourself.

**Day 3:** Ask the Lord to give you a heart of genuine Holy Spirit born love for others. Even those you may not normally “like.”

**Day 4:** Pray for your family to learn to show genuine love to others, your neighbors and members of your community.

**Day 5:** Pray that your church would be a place where members seek to honor others above themselves.

**Day 6:** Pray that other churches in your city would be challenged by this truth of God.

**Day 7:** Pray that your missionaries would teach this as well as live this truth out in their lives.