

The Year of Sowing

Prayer Guide

Week 8

The Year of Sowing – Honor – Honor Those That Suffer

We give great honor to those who endure under suffering. For instance, you know about Job, a man of great endurance.

James 5:11 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: James tells us that we are to give honor to those who undergo suffering. And how do we honor those who are undergoing suffering? Later in that verse, James gives us part of the answer: *You can see how the Lord was kind to him at the end, for the Lord is full of tenderness and mercy.* Unfortunately, in the church when a person is suffering under various trials. Peter uses the term, trials of various colors... the first reactions are to ask what the person did to bring this suffering on themselves. We end up unfortunately being more like Job's three friends than like the Lord who is full of tenderness and mercy. Often times those that suffer must also suffer from those who try to find fault, or act as judge in the lives of others... an area open only to God. As believers in the God who is full of tenderness and mercy, we are to imitate our Heavenly Father and honor those who suffer by offering them mercy, and tenderness, not judgment or criticism. Let us determine to be the people of God who are looking for ways to honor those in our midst who are suffering under various afflictions and circumstances. In this way we also honor the God who is full of tenderness and mercy.

Day 1: Ask the Lord to show you any ways that you have not had a heart to honor those who suffer.

Day 2: Ask the Lord to transform your heart to a heart full of His tenderness and mercy not criticism.

Day 3: Repent for all ways that you have tended to judge those around you who have been suffering under various trials.

Day 4: Pray that your church would teach it's members how to honor those who are suffering.

Day 5: Pray that your family can learn to minister in tenderness and mercy to those who suffer.

Day 6: Pray for other church in your city to know how to honor those who suffer, and do so in tenderness and mercy.

Day 7: Pray for the missionaries from your church to demonstrate God's tenderness and mercy to those who suffer.