

## Hidden Person, Hidden Heart.

### Jim Burgen, Week 1 - October 10, 2022

#### // Bible References

1 Peter 3:1-6

#### // Community Question

What is something that you have attached a high value to or that is very important to you that others might not think the item you value isn't really all that important? (Mine is my baseball card collection)

#### // Discussion Questions: *[you may want to divide your group for a more robust discussion for the Challenge Section]*

1. To honor means to attach a high value to. The object doesn't change, just its value in your eyes. Jim said that if we follow God's plan for marriage, that it should be "mutually honoring". What would that look like and what are some steps you can take to "attach a high value" to our spouses?
2. Why is it so hard for anyone to "be subject to" or submit to another person? Is the difficulty easier for one sex versus the other. Why or why not?
3. Read Ephesians 5:15-21. Men and women are called to "submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." While this does not specifically apply to marriage, the underlying premise is that you submit because of your reverence for Christ, not because it makes earthly sense. Give examples of how submitting to others conflicts with the messages from upbringing or current culture.
4. Read Proverbs 11:12,16 and 31:30. Compare/contrast external beauty versus internal beauty regarding how it is acquired, how it is maintained and long-term sustainability.
5. What do men/husbands/boyfriends do that make the "be subject to" option more difficult? **(Men – just listen and don't get defensive...your challenge is next week.)**

**// Challenge: Women:** Your efforts do not necessarily guarantee the desired response. Given what is at stake and you choose to "be subject to" your husbands, what are some initial steps you can start with now.

**Men:** What is your role in helping your spouse succeed at this? What should you NOT do?

<u>Upfront Sacrifice, Long-term Gain</u>	<u>Little Sacrifice; Long-term ????</u>
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