



Hidden Person, Hidden Heart.
Jim Burgen, Week 2 - October 16, 2022

// Bible References: Read 1 Peter 3:7

// Community Question: How does it feel (both men and women) when someone holds a door for you or helps you with something you could have done on your own?

// Discussion Questions: (men: seatbelts, helmets, mouthguards, and cups recommended...)

1. “Likewise” starts both the women’s and men’s verses of how they should think about their marriage. Likewise means “in the same way”. We are supposed to treat our spouses *in the same way* as what? [Hint: READ 1 Peter 2:21-25.] Considering the intensity of these preceding verses, how does that reflect on the significance of the instructions after the “likewise” for men or women?
2. Men are supposed to spend time with their wives in an “understanding” way that shows honor? What does that look like? How do we get there?
3. Husband, live *WITH* your wives...
Touchy subject...Regardless if they were “good causes” or not, what are some things you have inadvertently let creep in and rob you of that time with your wife?
4. What you permit, you promote.
MEN: What do you permit others, including your children or grandchildren to do or say to your wife that is not honoring? What does Peter call us to do? What can you do to intervene without damaging relationships? If you don’t say anything, what relationships are impacted? How?
5. WOMEN: What might you be doing to “permit”/“promote” your children or your grandchildren to not honor you? How can your husband support you in this?
6. Jim stated that the “weaker vessel” is like an expensive and rare piece of china. How does that translate on how men should treat women?

// Challenge: Homework – discuss these questions with your wife. Each choose 1 thing you can start doing better : 1) Are we partners or competitors? 2) Are we helping each other to become more spiritual? 3) Are we enriched because of our marriage, or robbing each other of God’s intended blessing?