

## 2/17/19 | Marriage Matters to Her

*"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."*

—Romans 12:10 | NIV



1. Have you ever given honor to someone behind their back? How does this show unselfishness?
2. Have you ever been given honor openly or to your face? What happened?
3. Consider this quote about 1 Peter 3:7. What does it mean? Is this an accurate interpretation of the verse?
4. What stuck out to you from the sermon this week? What stuck out to you from Ephesians 5 this week? Explain.

What God is saying is this—“Men I want you to recognize that your wife is not as strong as you, both emotionally and physically. You need to be considerate of those qualities, and appreciate those qualities for the many ways they help her to be a good wife and mother. Don’t belittle her for being weaker or more fragile than you, but instead honor her position as your wife and the mother of your children.”

—Larry Solomon

### **Honor and Love**

5. Read Romans 12:10 (above). What does it look like to be “devoted” to your friends in love? What does it look like to be “devoted” to your family in love?
6. To honor is to value. How can you value other people (even at work!) above yourselves?
7. Honor/respect from 1 Peter 3:7 is the Greek word “*timē*,” which is

also found in 1 Timothy 1:17. Is it fair compare these verses? What can we learn about honoring a wife from honoring God?

8. Ephesians 5:25-28 gives an outline of what Christ did to love the Church. Is it complete? What else would you add about Christ's love for the Church?
  
9. How could a husband love his wife the same way that Christ loved the Church?
  
10. Consider this paraphrase from Ephesians 5:2 (MSG).  
"Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that."
  
11. Are you cautious in the way you show love to others? When is extravagant love appropriate?
  
12. How can you give everything of yourself to love others?
  
13. How can this study help you honor and love one another more this week?

**TAKEAWAY:**

Men, ask: Which one of these five, needs some of my attention?

Women, be gracious and humbly cheer him on.