

A Marriage Minute

To Help Your Marriage be just a little better today!



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Honor. That's not a word we hear too often in modern culture. Yet it is the very foundation of a lasting relationship. Without honor there can be no mutual respect. Without mutual respect there can be no intimacy. Without intimacy there is no real relationship.

What does it mean to honor one another? It means to acknowledge ones' presence with a sense of awe. How would you respond if the most highly respected person you could think of walked into the room you were in? How would you respond to Jesus if he walked into the room? You would probably stand up as your mouth dropped open in awe. Wow! It's really Him! Hold on to that picture. That's the way we should respond to our spouse as they enter the room. "But he, or she isn't Jesus," you say. Maybe not, but isn't he or she the most important person in the world to you? If that's true, shouldn't there be a sense of awe in their presence? If that's not true, then I think you have some adjustments to make. When we feel honored we feel uplifted. That's what it means to honor one another "above yourselves." When we feel uplifted our basic need for significance or security is met freeing us to respond in a way that allows us to give respect and honor back, because we have first received it. Now both parties are lifting each other up instead of dishonoring one another, and tearing one another down. Treat one another, in the moment-by-moment events of the day, like they are the most important person in the world to you. They are. Then remember, "What you do to the least of these brethren you do to me" --Jesus.

Question for both of us: Do we really go out of our way to honor one another? Or do we feel dishonored by one another, how?

Prayer for both of us: Lord, help us to see one another as the most important person in this world. Help us to honor one another above ourselves in the same way we honor you.

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