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"HOW DO I 'DO'?" - PART 1

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MESSAGE NOTES

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- B. Give him honest _____ - honestly ask yourselves how much you express admiration and appreciation to your husband (and _____) in contrast to how much complaints and criticism dominate your words to and about your husband.

Am I focused OUT?

- God intends your relationship with your husband to be something good and that gives _____ to him and you.
- Note [Proverbs 18:22](#); [12:4a](#)
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DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

What's one thing connected with winter that brings you joy, and why? (Activities, clothing, weather, fireplaces etc. And remember, winter is God's idea! 😊)

Note: *Sunday's message dealt specifically with marriage, and while we recognize that not all group members are married, scripture always contains principles which apply to all Jesus followers.*

1. Read [Colossians 3:14-17](#). Which things from this passage can people see in you already, and which need to be improved upon?
2. For the Christ-follower, submission to authority is part of being a God-honoring citizen and employee (see [1 Peter 2:13-14a, 18a](#)). In what ways is this easy for you and when is submission challenging for you?
3. Pastor Tom said that a wife submitting to her husband, "doesn't mean inferior personhood, spirituality or [being] less important. It's a functional submission." Why is this important for both men and women to understand correctly? ([Galatians 3:28](#), [Colossians 3:18](#), [1 Peter 3:1-2, 7](#))
4. Read [1 Peter 3:3-6](#), [Proverbs 18:22](#); [12:4a](#). Pastor Tom emphasized that, "A wife's character and personality shaped by God's truth and power makes her indescribably beautiful to her husband." Husbands, what quality of inner beauty do you find most attractive in your wife? Wives, in a culture that stresses the importance of how we look, how have you struggled to focus on your inner beauty?
5. [Ephesians 5:33b](#) (AMP) instructs wives to respect and treasure their husbands. Husbands/Men what makes you feel respected? Wives/Women, what are some ways that wives can communicate respect for their husbands and show that they truly treasure them?

PERSONAL GUIDE

Day One: [Luke 20](#); [Psalm 64](#)

Day Four: [Revelation 21](#); [Isaiah 64](#)

Day Two: [Exodus 14](#); [Proverbs 2](#)

Day Five: [Job 2](#); [Acts 8](#)

Day Three: [Colossians 3](#); [1 Samuel 15](#)

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