

I Peter 3:1-7

Wives and Husbands



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- To voluntarily come under the leadership of your husband
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- If a wife submits to her husband, that doesn't make her less. That doesn't make her unimportant
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- To be superior, to push the other person around
- Do what I tell you to do!
- Or an unsubmitive person can be indirect
- Doing things behind the scenes to be subversive



- And then you the woman become a Christian
- God begins to change your life
- You see that what you were doing was wrong
- And you start to submit, you start to work with your husband. As he sees your actions over time



II. Inner Beauty Vss. 3-6



- We know that the world puts great importance on outer beauty
- Billions of dollars are spent on makeup, jewelry, clothes
- And women work very hard to look young



- There is something more important to work on
- Your inner beauty
- Inner beauty never fades like makeup
- In fact, the more you work on inner beauty, the better it gets
- And it never fades, you become more beautiful



- It sounds good, what does gentle and quiet look like?
- It means, not bossy, not assertive
- You don't have to be the 1st one to give your opinion
- You don't put other people down to get to the top



- Women, don't think that being gentle and quiet is weak
- It is very strong when you combine with wisdom
- God thinks that this gentleness is valuable
- I am not saying skip the makeup
- I am saying put a priority on developing your inner beauty



III. Be Considerate and Respectful Vs. 7



- How does the husband act to the wife who is submissive?
- How does he act towards her even if she isn't submissive?
- Considerate has the idea of, knowing your wife



- So this idea of being considerate is for every area of life
- Emotionally, spiritually, physically
- Husbands, know your wives and serve your wives



- Treat them with respect as the weaker partner
- Men are stronger than women almost always
- To respect your wife, this is wonderful
- And it is how she wants to be treated
- Speak of her respectfully in public



- Heirs together of the gracious gift of life
- When husband and wife are Christians that is a great thing. The marriage is that much closer
- But this may be talking about sharing life, God's gift to mankind



- Marriage is one the greatest gifts that God ever gave to mankind
- 2 people sharing each other for a lifetime
- Through all the joys and sorrows of life
- Growing old together, a great gift



but *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God

Que su belleza sea más bien la incorruptible, la que procede de lo íntimo del corazón y consiste en un espíritu suave y apacible. Esta sí que tiene mucho valor delante de Dios

bali kuwe utu wa moyoni usioonekana, katika mapambo yasiyoharibika; yaani, roho ya upole na utulivu, iliyo ya thamani kuu mbele za Mungu.

而应该是心里面内在的人，带着不朽坏的品性，出于谦和、安静的灵；这在神面前是极其贵重的

오직 마음에 숨은 사람을 온유하고 안정한 심령의 썩지 아니할 것으로 하라는 하나님 앞에 값진 것이니라

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αλλά τα εσωτερικά, όπως η καθαρότητα της καρδιάς, η πραότητα και η ηρεμία, που χορηγεί το Πνεύμα. Αυτά δεν φθείρονται κι έχουν μεγάλη αξία ενώπιον του Θεού.

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We will be looking at some practical teaching about husbands and wives
The family is the most important social group in the world
If there were no families, there would be no societies or governments
It is at the family level that we see Jesus best
As men and women live out the Christian life
Interact with each other, love each other as God wants us to love
Then people can see Jesus in a practical way
The Christian marriage is a witness to the world

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Submit has the idea of yielding your will to your husband
To voluntarily come under the leadership of your husband
The idea of submitting comes from the military
A private submits to the sergeant
A Sergeant submits to the Captain
A Captain submits to the Colonel
And a Colonel submits to the General
In the Army each has a job to do, each is important
And as a Private submits, the Sergeant respects him
One is not less than the other, they need each other
And this submission gives the Army order
Are there times when the submission-respect breaks down?
Yes, but when it's done, it works well
The same is true in marriage
If a wife submits to her husband, that doesn't make her less
That doesn't make her unimportant
It does give the marriage order
Can order in marriage break down? Yes, we are sinners
There are 2 people with separate goals and desires
There are 2 people, husband and wife fighting for control
There will be chaos, there will be constant fighting
There won't be any harmony in that marriage
The opposite of submit means to be bossy

To be superior, to push the other person around
Do what I tell you to do!
Or an unsubmitive person can be indirect
Doing things behind the scenes to be subversive
Not doing what is needed to create discord
Be careful when you hear in your mind, I am not going to do it!
That leads to trouble
Let's say that you used to be like that
Making trouble as the wife, not listening to your husband
Trying to gain control of the marriage
What if both of you are not Christians
You tried to live on love, but you still were fighting
And then you the woman become a Christian
God begins to change your life
You see that what you were doing was wrong
And you start to submit, you start to work with your husband
As he sees your actions over time
He will wonder what has gotten into you
Has my wife become crazy, why is she so nice?
And you don't have to say anything, it's just your actions
And your husband will understand eventually that the change
which happened in your life is a result of your faith in Christ
And he will see that your faith is a good thing
And just your actions can lead him to becoming a Christian

II. Inner Beauty Vss. 3-6

Women, there is another way that you can witness to your
husbands and to people
It is with your inner beauty
We know that the world puts great importance on outer beauty
Billions of dollars are spent on makeup, jewelry, clothes
And women work very hard to look young
To be honest, I am glad that I am a man
The idea of putting on makeup takes too much time
And walking on high heels would be a burden, not practical
Men, comb your hair, brush teeth and shave, it's quick
But for women, it takes time to look good by the world's standards
There is something more important to work on

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Inner beauty never fades like makeup
In fact, the more you work on inner beauty, the better it gets
And it never fades, you become more beautiful
Peter calls it a gentle and quiet spirit
It sounds good, what does gentle and quiet look like?
It means, not bossy, not assertive
You don't have to be the 1st one to give your opinion
You don't put other people down to get to the top
By the way, leaders can be gentle and quiet
Good leaders can listen to all the ideas and help choose
the good ones. It is using your wisdom
I have been in meetings where there is one person that doesn't say
anything and all the other people are giving their ideas and there is lots of
discussion
Then this quiet person speaks up and gives wisdom
The conversation is over and all the people agree, that is what they should
do. This person was gentle and quiet and a good leader
Women, don't think that being gentle and quiet is weak
It is very strong when you combine with wisdom
God thinks that this gentleness is valuable
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There are examples in the Old Testament-Sarah and Abraham
It can be a fearful thing to change who you are
To change into a submissive, gentle, quiet person
What will people think of me? How will they act toward me?
Will I be taken advantage of?
Don't give in to fear, do what is right and trust that God will use you
III. Be Considerate and Respectful Vs. 7
Peter gives more instruction to the wife than the husband
This was probably because it was more difficult for the wife if she
became a Christian 1st.
In this society, a wife has few rights
And this was a male dominated society
The husband, even though the teaching is short
It is very powerful how he is to act toward his wife
How does the husband act to the wife who is submissive?

How does he act towards her even if she isn't submissive?
Considerate has the idea of, knowing your wife
Men, do you know what your wife likes?
Have you studied your wife, you can learn something every day
How to treat her emotionally, what gifts or service she likes
How to refresh her, how to help her when she has had a hard day
And the idea of knowing has the idea of sexual relationship
In the OT, it talks about a man knowing his wife
So this idea of being considerate is for every area of life
Emotionally, spiritually, physically
Husbands, know your wives and serve your wives
Treat them with respect as the weaker partner
Men are stronger than women almost always
There are rare times when a wife is stronger, but it's rare
The husband could get his way by being a bully
And there are husbands that beat their wives- it's wrong
That is the most disrespecting thing that a man can do
That isn't how God wants a husband to act in marriage
To respect your wife, this is wonderful
And it is how she wants to be treated
Speak of her respectfully in public
Don't ever say bad things about your wife
By the way, when either husband or wife do that, it is like cancer
in a marriage.
When I have heard couples doing this, it has ended in divorce
Heirs together of the gracious gift of life
When husband and wife are Christians that is a great thing
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But this may be talking about sharing life, God's gift to mankind
It is spending time with your wife, sharing life
Marriage is one the greatest gifts that God ever gave to mankind
2 people sharing each other for a lifetime
Through all the joys and sorrows of life
Growing old together, a great gift
You can have a good marriage, you made a commitment to her/him
Or you can ignore him/her, don't do that
Share this life together, it's God's gift to you