

**"Wedlock Versus Deadlock"**  
**1 Peter 3:1-7**  
**Marriage Matters August 6, 2023**

**Theme of 1 Peter "A Living God Gives A Living Hope"**

**1 Peter 2:11-3:12 God's Grace and Submission:** Personally, As Citizens, Employees, (Now - Marriage), Church Fellowship.

**Purpose of 1 Peter** – *"To offer hope & encouragement to Christians that are suffering"*  
Peter recognizes that difficulties exist in marriage!

**Thought Of The Passage:** "Marriage Consists Of An Imperfect Husband And Wife That Are Dependent Upon A Perfect All-Powerful God"

**Verses 1-6    3 Truths Every Wife Should Know:**  
**Verse 7        5 Truths Every Husband Should Know:**

**Verses 1-6 3 Truths Every Wife Should Know:**

**# 1. – Verses 1-2 Wives, Your Behavior Matters:**

**1 Peter 3:1 In the same way you, wives** – *"Likewise you wives"* "In the same way" What? **1 Peter 2:21-25** Peter just set Jesus Christ as the Great Example of Submission. Suffering Servant, not retaliation but trusted the Father.

**1 Peter 3:1 In the same way, you wives** – *(Wives, Remember Jesus)*

**1 Peter 3:7 You husbands in the same way** - *(Husbands, Remember Jesus)*

**"In the same way, you wives, be submissive – (Greek military Term)** *"To line up - to get in order - to arrange; to rank beneath or under"* In non-military use, it is *"a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility "to rank beneath or under"*

**Ephesians 5:21** All Christians are called to submit –

**"to your own husbands"** *(Allowing God to lead me through others)*

**disobedient** - literally *"not allowing one's self to be persuaded, non-persuadable"*  
Not choosing conversion, resisting, willfully disobedient, unequally yoked –

**so that even if any of them** wives are to submit even to disobedient husbands!

**they may be won without a word** - *"acquire, to gain, conversion, obedience"*

**without a word – People are rarely won to Christ through talk or argument but through prayer, influence, and holy living!**

**by the behavior of their wives** – What the wife says, from Scripture, may be 100% right but it is 100% wrong because of the way she is communicating it!

(NLT) 1 Peter 3:1 In the same way, you wives must accept the authority of your husbands. Then, even if some refuse to obey the Good News, your godly lives will speak to them without any words. They will be won over.

**1 Peter 3:2 as they (Husbands) observe** - literally "*to look at intently, to stare at*" See!

Spouses, Family, Friends and Others are constantly watching us.

**2 Corinthians 3:3**

**Husbands Observe Chaste Behavior: chaste** - "*pure, clean, innocent, perfect*"  
Not phony, veneer behavior, but real.

**Husbands Observe Respectful Behavior: respectful behavior** - reverential obedience, obedience in fear.

## **# 2. - Verses 3-4 Wives, Be Beautiful On The Inside:**

**1 Peter 3:3 Your adornment** – Greek word - Cosmos - get English word "Cosmetic" – "*to put or place in order, harmony*" The opposite of chaos.

**be merely external** - the focus of the wife is not to be merely external.  
**John 6:27** Beware of distorted values!

**braiding the hair** - *literally "knots, intertwining"*

**wearing** – "*to put around*" wearing crowns on the head **gold jewelry** weave gold, silver, and pearl strands in the hair.

**or putting on dresses** – "*wrap around*" **1 Timothy 2:9-10**

**Peter is not saying, you can't. Your adornment must not be merely external.**

**1 Peter 3:4 but let it be with the hidden person of the heart – An Inner Beauty Accessible To Every Woman! Proverbs 11:22**

**The Godly Wife's Focus: with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit.** The body is a tent, not made to last forever - Inner life is eternal.

**gentle and quiet spirit** - "*disposition of spirit in which one accepts God's dealings with us as good, and therefore without disputing or resisting.*"

**which is precious in the sight of God** - God loves it – it is what God desires. Is precious *because it is so rare today.* Intimate relationship with God only.

### **# 3. - Verses 5-6 Wives, Must Place Their Hope In God:**

**1 Peter 3:5 For in this way** – Behavior, Beauty, gentle and quiet spirit, accepting our lot.

**Believing Part - in former times the holy women** – Set apart, a relationship with God.

**Hoped** – "*sure expectation of a future event*" just has not happened yet!

**used to adorn themselves.** Old Testament women who were spiritual. Used to focus upon being gentle & quiet spirit. (**Abigail & Nabal, 1 Samuel 25; Esther**)

**1 Peter 3:6 Sarah Obeyed Abraham: just as Sarah** - Princess **obeyed Abraham,** (Listen, then obey)

**Sarah Respected Abraham: calling him lord - Genesis 18:12**

**calling him lord** – "*sir, Mr., master*" respect. Sarah was placing herself in the divine order. Submissive **Genesis 12:10-20; 20:1-13** Abraham was sinning!

**Genesis 12:13** Abram told Pharaoh that Sarah was his sister. He feared the King. **Genesis 20:2 Abimelech**

**you have become her children** - daughters after **Sarah** - mother of submission.

**if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear** - Submit, allow God to lead you through others. **1 John 4:18**

### **Verse 7 5 Truths Every Husband Should Know:**

#### **# 1. - Husbands Need To Be Committed To Their Wives:**

**You husbands in the same way, 1 Peter 3:1 same way you wives** –

**1 Peter 2:21-25** Peter sets Jesus as the Example.

**live with your wives - (dwell)** literally "*make togetherness, settle down, love the home, continue to dwell together*"

**Genesis 2:24 Severance: a man shall leave his father and his mother,**  
(New Leader)

**Permanence: and shall cleave to his wife - cleave** – speaks *"to glue, melt joints together, inseparable bond."*

**Unity: and they shall become one flesh** – This speaks of sexual intimacy - (Body) physically, (Soul) intellectually, (Spirit) spiritually.... Only by Jesus Christ.

**Genesis 2:18 (Purpose Companionship)**

**# 2. – Husbands, Exercise Intelligent Leadership: live with *your wives* in an understanding way - *"Intelligent recognition of the marriage relationship"***

**Husband's responsibility is to exercise Intelligent Leadership.** Men must act in knowledge and choose intelligently what's in the home.

**Husbands are the Priest, Protector, and The Provider!**

**# 3. – Husbands, Choose To Love Your Wife: as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor**

**as with someone weaker – (*weaker vessel*) "not as strong" - "delicate" since she is a woman; Not Inferior! Galatians 3:28**

**"Men are not women, and women are not men!"**

**show her honor - *assign to, portion out, to dispense, courtesy, respect, kindness.* Husband exercise deliberate love toward his wife;**

**Ephesians 5:28 to love her (three times) as his own body,**

**# 4. – Husbands, Share Your Life With Your Wife: as a fellow heir of the grace of life,**

**as a fellow heir – "*co-sharer*" of the grace of life, "*You are joint heirs, of the grace of life, the grace that which is for life*"**

**Husband must recognize his wife's right to share every part of his thinking, of his whole life: No off-limit areas that he keeps separate from his wife.**

**The need of a wife to have first place in her husband's affections.**

**Husband Must Understand The Wife Was Made To Be A Helper: What good is a partner if she is excluded from some particular area?**

**a fellow heir of the grace of life** - Wives are on the same team as their husbands. **Genesis 2:18 God's Purpose For Marriage: "Companionship"**

**# 5. - Husbands, Neglecting Your Wife Severs Communication With God: so that your prayers will not be hindered.** Warning.

**Prayer** – is the Christians' life-line to God. *Prayer demonstrates our dependence, the expression of faith that makes possible all God's giving.*

**Hindered** – literally "to cut down, cut in, the cutting up of a road to stop an advancing army" **Matthew 6:14-15 un-forgiveness cuts us off from God!**

### **Application:**

**Wives,** The Marriage Will Change Through Your Behavior, Not Words.

**Wives,** Outward Beauty Is Not More Important Than Inward Beauty, Precious To God.

**Wives,** A Genuine Faith Is Revealed When We Are Submissive.

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**Husbands,** Be Committed To Your Wife: (Severance, Permanence).

**Husbands,** Exercise Intelligent Leadership: (Priest, Protector, Provider).

**Husbands,** Exercise Deliberate Love Towards Your Wife: (Choice, Not Feeling).

**Husbands,** Share Your Life, Without Limits, With Your Wife: (Open Up).

**Husbands,** Neglecting Your Wife Means Severance With God: (Serve God With Your Spouse).