

**Conference – Marriage Matters**  
**“Deadlock Versus Wedlock”**  
**1 Peter 3:1-7**  
**Sunday August 3, 2014**

**Genesis 2:18 – God’s Purpose For Marriage: “Companionship”**

**Purpose of 1 Peter – “To offer hope & encouragement to Christians that are suffering.”**

**Verses 1-6 – God’s Design For The Wife: (3 Things Wife Should Know)**

**Verse 7 – God’s Design For The Husbands: (5 Things Husband Should Know)**

**1. Verses 1-2 – The Behavior Of The Wife:**

1 Peter 3:1

“In the same way you wives” – “Likewise you wives”; “In the same way.”  
What?

1 Peter 2:21-25 – Peter Sets Jesus Christ as the Great Example.

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

1 Peter 3:7 – “You husbands likewise” – (Husbands Remember Jesus)

“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

“disobedient” – literally “not allowing one’s self to be persuaded, non-persuadable.”

“they may be won without a word” – “acquire, to gain, conversion, obedience.”

1 Peter 3:2 – “as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.”

“as they (Husbands) observe” – Literally “to look at intently, to stare at.”  
See!

2 Cor. 3:3

"chaste" – "pure, clean, innocent, perfect"

## **2. Verses 3-4 – The Beauty Of The Wife:**

1 Peter 3:3

"adornment" – Greek word – Cosmos – get English word "Cosmetic" – "to put or place in order." The opposite of chaos.

"braiding the hair" – literally "knots"

"wearing gold jewelry or putting on dresses" – 1 Timothy 2:9-10

**But The Focus of the God Fearing Christian Wife should not be merely the external.**

1 Peter 3:4

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

## **3. Verses 5-6 – The Belief Of The Wife:**

1 Peter 3:5

Believing Part – "in former times the holy women also who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves."

1 Peter 3:6

"Thus Sarah" – means Princess – "obeyed Abraham, calling him lord" – Genesis 18:12

Abraham was not walking in faith all the time! Gen 12:13 – Abram told Pharaoh that Sarah was his sister. He feared the King, Gen 20:2 – Abimelech.

## **1 Peter 3:7 – (5 Things) Every Husband Should Know:**

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

"You husbands likewise," – 1 Peter 3:1: "same way you wives" – 1 Peter 2:21-25 – Peter Sets Jesus as the Example; Suffering, No retaliation, trusted Father.

“live with your wives” – (dwell) literally “make togetherness, settle down, love the home.”

Genesis 2:24

Severance: “a man shall leave his father and his mother,”

Permanence: “and shall cleave to his wife” – cleave – speaks of “to glue, melting together, inseparable bond.”

Unity: “and they shall become one flesh”

Genesis 2:18

## **2. Husbands – Exercise Intelligent Leadership:**

“live with your wives in an understanding way,”

“understanding way” – “intelligent recognition of the marriage relationship.”

Husband’s responsibility is to exercise intelligent leadership.

## **3. Husbands – Choose To Love Your Wife:**

“as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor”

“weaker vessel” – “not as strong” – “delicate”

“grant her honor” – assign to, portion out, to dispense, courtesy, respect, kindness. Husband needs to exercise deliberate love toward his wife.

Ephesians 5:28

## **4. Husbands – Share Your Life With Your Wife:**

“as a fellow heir of the grace of life,”

“as a fellow heir of the grace of life,” – “You are joint heirs, of the grace of life.”

**Husband must recognize his wife’s right to share every part of his thinking, of his whole life.**

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

**Husband must Understand The Wife Was Made To Be A Helper.**

## **5. Husbands – That Neglect Their Wives Sever Communication With God:**

“so that your prayers may not be hindered.”

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

Hindered – Literally “to cut down”

### **Application:**

**Wives:** The Way To Bring Change To The Marriage Is Through Your Behavior, Not Through The Wife's Preaching.

**Wives:** Outward Beauty Is Important But Inward Beauty Is Precious In The Sight Of God.

**Wives:** A Genuine Faith Is Revealed When You Are Submissive And Obedient Under Difficult Circumstances And You Continue To Trust In God.

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

**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:** Cannot Neglect The Marriage And Remain Right With God: (Serve God With Your Spouse)