

**“Matters Of The Roles In Marriage”**  
**1 Peter 3:1-7**  
**“Marriage Matters” Saturday Aug 4, 2012**

The divorce rate in America for the first marriage is 50%, second marriages 67%, and for third marriages, 74% end in divorce.

**The Problem Is Not With Marriage! But with persons attempting to live “Happily Ever After, Without God and His Directives!”**

**Gen 2:18**

**God’s Purpose For Marriage: “Companionship”**

**Heb. 13:4**

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

**Verses 1-6** – The Wife’s Role: (3 Things Every Wife Should Know)

**Verse 7** – The Husband’s Role: (5 Things Every 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”; 1 Peter 2:21-25, Peter Sets Jesus Christ as the Example.

1 Pet. 3:1 – “In the same way you wives”

1 Pet. 3:7 – “You husbands likewise”

“submissive” – “To line up – to get in order – to arrange; military sense, to rank beneath or under”; In non-military use, it was “a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, to rank beneath or under”

Eph. 5:21

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

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

“without a word” – Wives Don’t Preach At Your Husband!

1 Peter 3:2

(Husbands) “observe” – Literally “to look at intently, to stare at”

2 Cor. 3:3

“chaste” – “pure, properly, clean, innocent, modest, 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”

1 Tim 2:9-10

But the focus of the God-fearing Christian Wife should not be merely the outward.

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 – Princess “obeyed Abraham, calling him lord” – Gen. 18:12; Gen 12:13; Gen 20:2

## 5 Things Every Husband Should Know:

1 Peter 3:7

1. Husbands – Be Committed To Your Wife: “live” – (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, melts joints together, inseparable bond.”

(Unity) “and they shall become one flesh” – (Body) physically, (Soul) intellectually, (Spirit) spiritually... Only by Jesus Christ

Gen 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.

Husbands, The Priest, Protector, and The Provider!

3. Husbands – Exercise Deliberate Love Towards Your Wife: “as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor”

“weaker vessel” – “not as strong” – “delicate”; Not inferior!

Man has also the need to exercise deliberate love toward his wife; “as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor”

Ephesians 5:28 – “to love her as his own body,”

“grant her honor” – to assign to, to portion off, courtesy, respect, kindness

4. Husbands – Unlimited Sharing Of His Life With His Wife: “as a fellow heir of the grace of life,”; “Heirs together of the grace of life”

This means that a husband must recognize his wife's right to share every part of his thinking, of his whole life.

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

Husband must understand that the wife was made to be a helper.

5. Husbands – Cannot Neglect The Marriage And Remain Right With God: “so that your prayers may not be hindered.”

“Prayer” – sense of dependence; that expression of faith that makes possible all God's giving unto men, is hindered

“Hindered” – Literally “To cut down”

**Application:**

- Wives, The Way To Change Your Man Is Through Your Behavior, Not Through The Preaching Of Your Beliefs.
  - Wives, Outward Beauty Is Important In Every Age, But Inward Beauty Is Precious In The Sight Of God For Eternity.
  - 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)
  - Husbands, Exercise Intelligent Leadership: (Priest, Protector, Provider)
  - Husbands, Exercise Deliberate Love Towards His Wife: (Choice, Not Feeling)
  - Husband's Unlimited Sharing Of His Life With His Wife: (Open Up)
  - Husbands Cannot Neglect The Marriage And Remain Right With God: (Serve God With Your Spouse)