

“Wedlock or Deadlock”
1 Peter 3:1-7
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Gen 2:18

God’s Purpose in Marriage: “Companionship”

Heb. 13:4

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

Peter first deals with The Wife’s Role: Verses 1-6; The Husbands Role: Verse 7

Verses 1-6 – Peter speaks to the Wife:

1. Verses 1-2 – Wife’s Behavior:

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 Example

1 Pet. 3:1 In the same way you wives -

1 Pet. 3:7 You husbands likewise

“In the same way, you wives, be submissive – (Greek Term) 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 to the Word - disobedient - Lit. “not allowing one's self to be persuaded” unpersuadable

won without a word - “acquire, to gain, conversion, obedience”

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

Wives Practice The Bible! the behavior of their wives

1 Peter 3:2

as they (Husbands) observe - Literally "to look at intently, to stare at" See!

2 Cor. 3:3

chaste - "pure properly clean, innocent, modest, perfect" Him.

2. Verses 3-4 – Wife's Beauty:

1 Peter 3:3

adornment – Greek word - Cosmos - get English word "Cosmetic" - to put or place in order.

braiding the hair - Literally "knots"

1 Tim 2:9-10

1 Peter 3:4

The Worldly Wife –

The Godly Wife – with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit -

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

3. Verses 5-6 – Wife's Faith:

1 Peter 3:5

For in this way – Behavior, Beauty, living the word - gentle and quiet spirit

1 Peter 3:6

Thus Sarah - Princess

Gen. 18:12

Gen 12:13, Gen 20:2

and 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.

The Gospel message consists of two parts: The Believing Part and the Behaving Part.

5 Things That Every Husband Should Know:

1 Peter 3:7

1. Husband Dwell With Your Wife:

You husbands likewise, (1 Peter 3:1) In the same way you wives - Same way what? you husbands, wives What "same way?" Peter uses Jesus Christ as the example.

live with your wives - (dwell) Literally "make togetherness" "settle down," "love the home."

Eph. 5:31 - "Two shall become one flesh."

2. Husband Understand Your Wife:

You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way,

understanding way - "Intelligent recognition of the marriage relationship."

Husband's first responsibility is to exercise intelligent leadership.

Husbands understand that he is The Priest, Protector, and The Provider!

3. Husband Honor Your Wife:

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

weaker vessel - "not as strong" - "delicate"

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 (K.J.V. "bestowing honor on the woman as the weaker sex.")

Ephesians 5, to love her as his own body, grant her honor - to assign to, to portion off, courtesy, respect, kindness

4. Husband Partner With Your Wife:

as a fellow heir of the grace of life; Unlimited sharing of his own life with his wife.

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

Husband must understand that the wife was made to be a helper. What good is a partner if she is excluded from some particular area?

5. Husbands Prayers Not Heard:

so that your prayers may not be hindered.

Prayer - that 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 – Are you attempting to change the home through your preaching the Word or your behavior?

Wives – Is your focus merely the outward, and not the inward which is eternal?

Wives – Is your faith being revealed through obedience in your submission to others?

Husbands – Make togetherness with your wife: Physically and Mentally.

Husbands – Live with your wife in an understanding way: Study her.

Husbands – Honor your wife:

Husbands – Partner with your wife:

Husbands – You can't experience the glory of God without including your wife: