

1 PETER 3:1-7 “HOW TO GET YOUR WAY WITH YOUR SPOUSE”

Wives: want to win your Husband to Christ and get him to act more godly?

- Peter knew how

Husbands: want to get your way every time with your wife?

- Peter knew how

1 Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,
2 when they observe your chaste conduct *accompanied by fear*.

- The participle translated **be submissive** (*hypotassomenai*, lit., “being under authority”) **carries the force of a command** (cf. 2:18).¹
1 Peter 2:18 (NASB) (same tone used here) Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.

Ephesians 5:22 Wives, **submit to your own husbands**, as to the Lord.

Colossians 3:18 Wives, **submit to your own husbands**, as is fitting in the Lord.

Titus 2:3-5

3 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things—

4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, **obedient to their own husbands**, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

- **Does not mean that women are to be subservient to all men – just to your own husbands.**

- **God’s chain of command:**

Ephesians 5:23-24

23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything.

- **Christ over His bride, the church – husband over his bride, his wife.**

- **Is God in command or are you?**

lit. literal, literally
cf. *confer*, compare

¹Walvoord, J. F., Zuck, R. B., & Dallas Theological Seminary. (1983-c1985). *The Bible knowledge commentary : An exposition of the scriptures*. Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

- **If you're not following God's chain of command then you are out of His will!**

3 Do not let your adornment be *merely* outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on *fine* apparel—

4 rather *let it be* **the hidden person of the heart**, with the incorruptible *beauty* of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is **very precious** in the sight of God.

5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands,

6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

- **How beautiful are you?**
- **Extreme makeover!!!!**

1 Timothy 2:8-11

8 I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;

9 in like manner also, that **the women adorn themselves** in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing,

10 but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.

11 Let a woman learn in silence with all submission.

- Peter did not state that women should not wear jewelry and nice clothes, but that Christian wives should not think of outer attire as the source of genuine beauty. ²

- **Sarah's daughters:**

Romans 2:29 but *he is* a Jew who *is one* inwardly; and **circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.**

7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* **with understanding**, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

- Do you husbands dwell “with understanding” with your wives?
 - This doesn't mean: Do you understand her?
 - Means – do you apply your understanding of God's grace and mercy shown to you – equally applying it to her?

Ephesians 5:28-29

28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; **he who loves his wife loves himself.**

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29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church.

- **Fellow heirs in Christ with her:**

Romans 8:16-17

16The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
17and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and **joint heirs with Christ**, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.