

A GOD HONORING MARRIAGE "heirs together of the grace of life"

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OUR LIVING HOPE (1:1-12)

BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY (1:13-2:3)

CORNER STONE OR STUMBLING STONE (2:4-10)

ABSTAIN FROM FLESHLY LUSTS (2:11-12)

RESPONSE TO HUMAN GOVERNMENT (2:13-17)

RESPONSE TO ABUSIVE AUTHORITY (2:18–25)



l Peter 3:1-7 A God Honoring Marriage



1 Peter 3:1-7 (NKJV)

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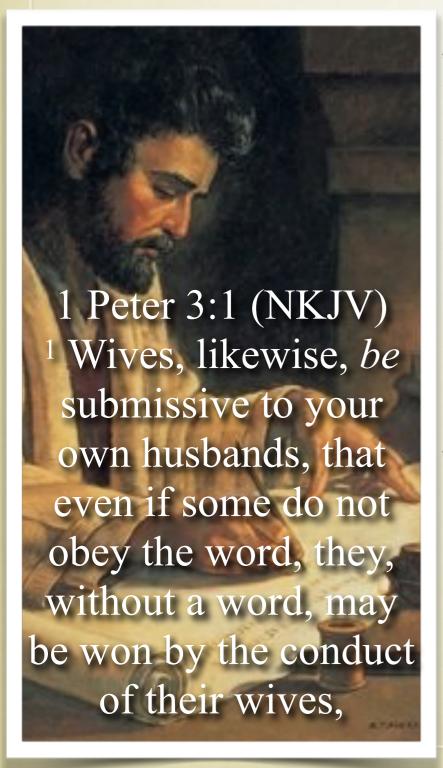
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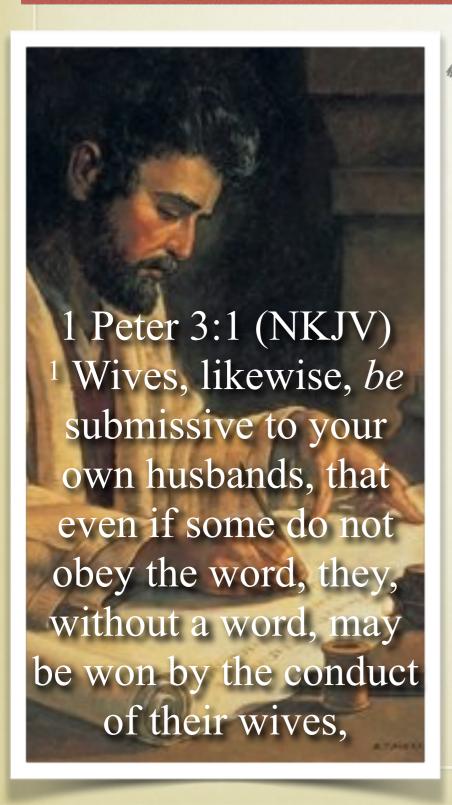
⁷ Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

CHRISTIAN CONDUCT AS WIVES (3:1-6)



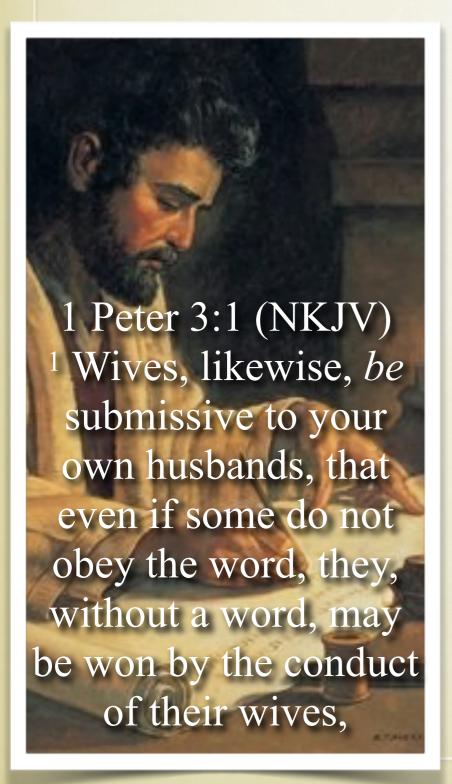
- The Principle Of Submission Previously Applied To:
 - Governmental authorities (2:13-17)
 - The servant, master relationship (2:18-25)
- "Likewise" The Principle Of Submission Now Applied To:
 - Wives submitting to their own husbands - EVEN husbands who are unbelievers (1)

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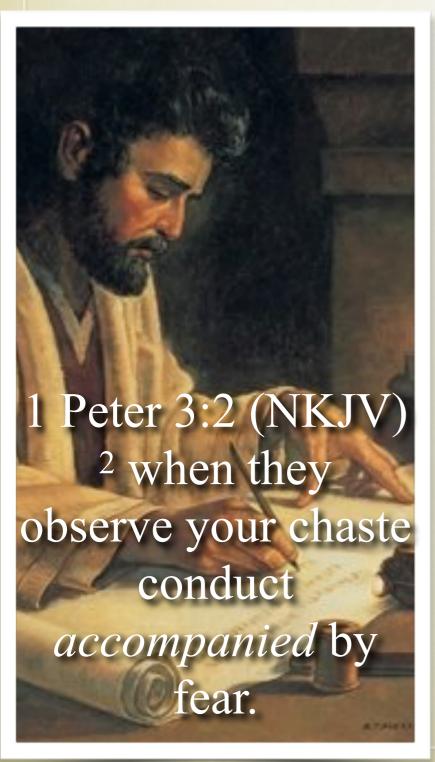
- The Participle Translated Be Submissive (Hypotassomenai, Lit., "Being Under Authority") Carries The Force Of A Command (Cf. 2:18).
 - A wife is to accept her place under the leadership of her husband whom God has placed as head in the home, even if their husbands are unbelievers, (cf. Eph. 5:22; Col. 3:18; Titus 2:5).
 - Subjection is a role to be filled AND DOES NOT IMPLY INFERIORITY in the sight of God!

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- Peter demonstrates how godly living can be a powerful influence on others (vs. 1,2; Mat 13:33)
- An unbelieving husband might be saved by the godly behavior of their wives, even without a word (Mat 5:13-16; Phil. 2:14-16)
- In contrast, we should NEVER underestimate the damaging affect of inconsistent ungodly behavior (1 Cor. 5:6; 15:33)

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"Chaste" -

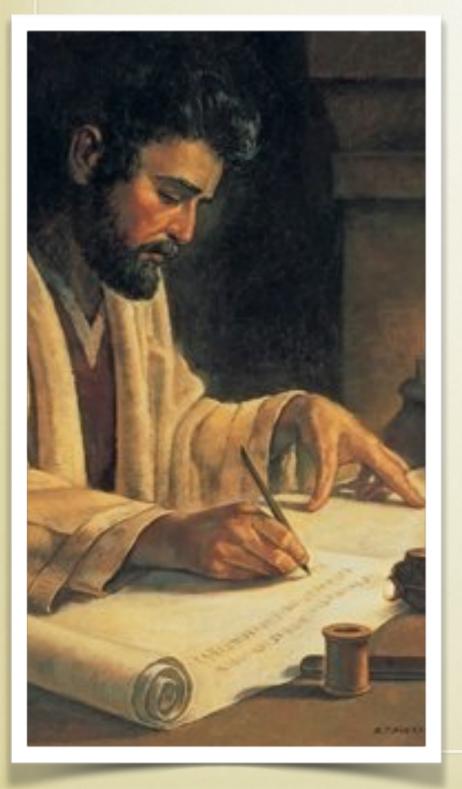
- That is, purity in all manner of life as a result of obedience to God.
- True godliness is observable.



"Accompanied by fear"

- That is, reverence toward God.
- Wives submission to their husband is due to their reverence for God, and not dependent on the worthiness of their husband (cf. Rom. 13:5,6)

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1 Peter 3:3-4 (NKJV)

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CHRISTIAN CONDUCT AS WIVES (3:1-6)

A "Hebraism" ("not this BUT this") Cf. - John 6:27

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NOT OUTWARD BEAUTY

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- Not this (outward adornment, arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on *fine* apparel)
 - Peter is NOT teaching women cannot wear jewelry and nice clothes, but that Christian wives should **not** think of outer attire as the source of genuine beauty.
- "A gentle & quiet spirit = true, incorruptible beauty"
 - Christian women, let your inner beauty be your most noticeable feature! Rom. 2:29; Pro 11:22

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- Submission: Accepting God's appointed role Submitting to their own husbands Ep. 5:22-24
- Chaste Conduct: Holiness, Purity pure from carnality, modest
- Respectful: reverence for God in submitting to her husband (1 Pet 3:5,6; Col 3:22)
- Gentle: Meekness, "submitting to the yoke" True strength of character.
- Quiet Spirit: Tranquility in disposition.

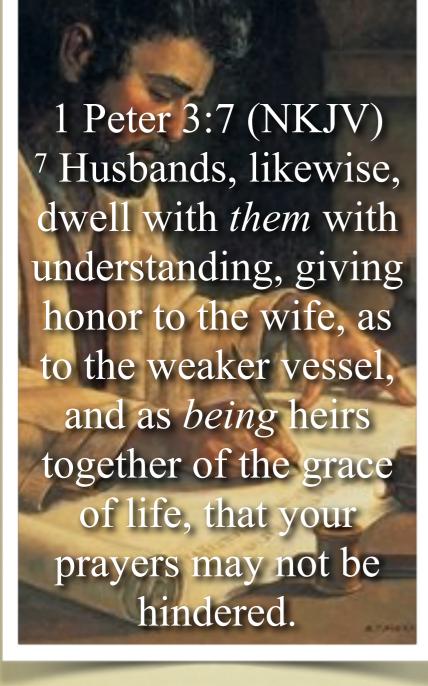
 Not "SELF Assertive" or a "busy body"

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- Women in the Old Testament who trusted in God adorned themselves with a gentle and quiet spirit were submissive to their husbands.
- Sarah was beautiful outwardly:
 - Pharaoh wanted her when she was over 65 years old
 - King of the Philistines wanted her when she was over 90
 - Yet her true beauty was demonstrated by her submissive spirit (calling her husband "lord")

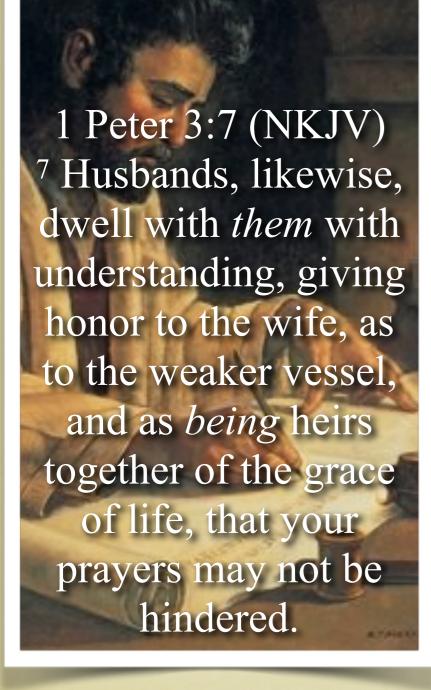
CHRISTIAN CONDUCT AS HUSBANDS (3:7)



Dwell W/ Wives "With Understanding"

- Understanding own responsibilities in marriage (Eph. 5:23, 25-33)
- Husbands be considerate and seek to understand their wives' spiritual, emotional, and physical needs.
- "Give Honor" respect her, treat her as "Precious, & of high value"
- "Weaker vessels" refers to physical strength, emotional tendencies & roles NOT intellectual abilities, moral courage, or spiritual strength.

CHRISTIAN CONDUCT AS HUSBANDS (3:7)



"As being heirs together of the grace of life,"

- Husbands and wives are to share together in the life God has granted them physical, and most importantly, spiritual.
- The ungodliness of one affects the life of the other.
- Husbands and wives need to help each other get to heaven!
- How a husband and wife treat each directly affects their relationship with God.

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Husbands

Dwell With Your Wives

"With Understanding" (7)

"Giving Honor" To The

Wife... (7)



Wives

Likewise, be submissive (1,2)
Adorn Yourselves
Properly (3-4)

HELPING EACH OTHER GET TO HEAVEN!

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Colossians 3:16-21 (NKJV)

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. 18 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them. ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.