

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGH OUT THE WORLD

1 PETER CHAPTER 3:1-7

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“When God Gets A Hold Of Your Marriage”

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Introduction to the Text: 1 Peter 3:1-7

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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. 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. :7 Husbands, likewise, (1) dwell with them with understanding, (2) giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and (3) as being heirs together of the grace of life, (with promise) that your prayers may not be hindered.

Peter, being commissioned by God, just speaking to those over being persecuted for their faith – speaks to those who are married!

You’ve noticed ladies that, Peter here addresses the wife six times more than he does the husband and for good reason. **#1** In the 1st. century world it would’ve been next to impossible for a woman to influence man in any significant way. **#2** The testimony of a woman was considered to be Half true. **#3** A woman’s place was considered to be one of servitude. **#4** Many in that day who had the title of wife would have been someone responsible for the keeping of the home and the rearing of the children. **#5** The wife was considered property and her being dismissed / divorced was a constant threat.

But now she, having become a Christian;
had arisen in newness of life - - but to have her own personal
testimony was something that was unheard-of.

Quoting Historian Barkley pg. 218 here.

This is such an interesting word coming to us from the Apostle Peter. I would have loved to have interviewed him more on this topic.
We know from scripture that Peter had a mother-in-law...

Matthew 8:14-15

Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever. **15** So He touched her hand, and the fever left her.

And so this a pretty strong indicator that Peter's mother-in-law and Mrs. Peter were believers also.

Before we get into this study, there are some presuppositions that must be placed front and center.

- #1 This is Peter talking to Christians and to the Christian only.
- #2 This is Peter speaking under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
- #3 This is the Example of Jesus' relationship toward His church.
- #4 This is God's design for when He gets a hold of your marriage.

All of this – is in accordance with God's creative order

When God Gets A Hold Of Your Marriage

1.) He often begins with just one vs. 1-2

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**When God Gets A Hold Of Your Marriage
He Often Begins With Just One**

1a.) Using the irresistible influence of the wife vs. 1

1 Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands,

Wives, (you) likewise, - meaning, just like those I've been speaking to you about in chapters 1&2

1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1 Peter 1:13

Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

1 Peter 2:7

Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,"

1 Peter 2:13-17a

Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, 14 or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. 15

For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men - 16 as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. 17 Honor all people.

1 Peter 2:18

Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.

**There is an irresistible influence of the wife
that the Lord has ordained...**

submissive hupotasso; grk: to be placed at or under the authority of another. to be in a position of rank or appointment.

A military appointment or order. A command.

The word implies a command, not unlike a military command or a command to given to a company of others. *i.e. Generals, Colonels. Lieutenant, Corporals...*

Dr. Warren Wiersbe rights;

"The man in the army who holds the rank of private could very well be a better man than he who is the general. But he is still a private by rank. Position and authority may not equate to character, but God has established His order."

This is not a submission to fear as in abuse. This is a submission in love.
Peter is writing to the Christian wife, who by having a new nature -now has a new love and compassion toward her ungodly husband.

Because “Love” is evaporating from our society and culture,
Words like, **submission / authority / leadership / husband / wife**

**Our “women’s liberation” culture is yet again another
death nail to the family and to the nation.
1960’s and 70’s are here again - but now in the so-called church**

We have more books on marriage and relationships
than ever before in history – but the divorce rate continues to soar.

The #1 reason is because:

Men have abandoned their God-ordained biblical authority.
In that absence, **#2** the woman has filled the void of headship.

But that’s not the full story,

pride, self-reliance, self-centeredness, self-love, self-seeking has
broken God’s order...

Genesis 3:1-6

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’” :2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ” :4 Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” :6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. **(Adam, step up, Adam say something, Adam where are you?) She (takes the lead) also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.**

End of Study

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