

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGH OUT THE WORLD

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

Corporate Reading 1 Peter 3:1-7

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.

**Satan is diametrically against marriage.
He is livid over the creation and status of man.**

Why would God want (your) marriage to be a success?
Because a **strong** marriage is an **awesome witness** to the world...
Because a **healthy** marriage **reproduces** healthy marriages.
Because a **praying** marriage is a **weapon/tool** in God’s hand.
Because a **serving** marriage **restores** the original plan of God.
Because a **united** marriage **perpetuates** the family unit.
Because a marriage that has **vision** prepares for the **future**

When God Gets A Hold Of Your Marriage

1) He often begins with just one

vs. 1-2

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

1a.) Using the irresistible influence of the wife

vs. 1a

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

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1b.) Using the undeniable quality of the wife

vs. 1b

1b that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word,
may be won by the conduct of their wives,

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1c.) Using the dedicated love of the wife

vs. 2

2 when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.

When they observe your (chaste conduct)
accompanied by fear.

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO CHRISTIAN WOMEN

A godly woman is so unexplainably attractive that even an unbelieving man will be attracted to her and he may not even understand why.

observe grk: epopteuo; to look upon. to gaze at. to evaluate and examine. to ponder. to behold the facts.

The word here employed by the Holy Spirit is powerful because of the fact that it was most often used in the first century Roman empire is a legal term. It was a word used in court proceedings regarding a witness. The exact meaning of the word is this – “I am an eyewitness to the events in question.” And it carries with it the thought of a final Day judgment. The unbelieving husband will someday stand before God the Judge and will confess to the hidden truth now made known to eternity which will be – “I testify that it is a fact, that my wife loved

you God and I saw that truth in her life. I stood repeatedly against what she believed and I was willfully in rejection both her witness and the witness that You showed me by not believing in her nor You.”

Luke 12:2-3

For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known. **3** Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.

Like the Example of Rebekah

(she was beautiful, but she was really, really beautiful)

Genesis 24:16-21

Now the young woman was very beautiful to behold, a virgin; no man had known her. And she went down to the well, filled her pitcher, and came up. 17 And the servant ran to meet her and said, “Please let me drink a little water from your pitcher.” :18 So she said, “Drink, my lord.” Then she quickly let her pitcher down to her hand, and gave him a drink. 19 And when she had finished giving him a drink, she said, “I will draw water for your camels also, until they have finished drinking.” 20 Then she quickly emptied her pitcher into the trough, ran back to the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels. 21 And the man, wondering at her, remained silent so as to know whether the Lord had made his journey prosperous or not.

That the Lord is using the dedicated love of your wife to evangelize you – to reach you – to show you His love for you.

Based on this word “to observe” is why I have been saying that the Christian witness the faithful woman before her unsaved unbelieving husband is one of the greatest mission fields set before the church today!

To the wife I say...

Matthew 6:31-33

“Therefore do not worry, saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek (search, turn over, leave nothing undone) first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

2 when they observe your chaste conduct

chaste grk: hagnos; her sacredness, her dedication, her purity, her soul.

**It is no small thing to God when a
wife's godly example is shunned.**

We are living in what the Bible calls **"THE LAST DAYS"**
And everything enumerated in the Bible about these days is
extremely clear. – ***all know the truth.***

*It's one thing when a woman is prostituted and pimped for money.
It's one thing when a woman has been damaged by an abusive
childhood. But it's quite a different thing when a woman becomes
brazenly & boldly the sexual predator.*

We Are Living in Those Days

"Chaste" – what a man thinks when he sees **"Chaste"**

If everything you have is almost all out there, to a man,
it's like driving through **McDonalds** vs. **Ruth's Chris**

When you go fishing for salmon or trout – you
set your bait and line accordingly – and you'll catch a salmon or
trout. But if you throw whatever you can put together on a hook and
throw it out there, you have no idea what you're about to pull in...

"The Shout from the side of the boat – What is it?"
(not a good indicator that it's what you really wanna have)

God honors the dedicated love of the wife
And while that wife is in his world - that husband, **if he continues to
ignore her love**, is heaping upon himself evil for the day of judgment.

There is the **power** of her godly example.
There is the **testimony** of her enduring faithfulness.

There is the **spirit** of her heart/soul.
There is the **fruit** of her devotion to God.

1 Peter 2:15

For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—

2 when they observe your chaste **conduct**

conduct grk: behavior, her persona. How she carries herself. What she promotes or endorses, the way she talks, looks, acts, projects herself.

Proverbs 31:10-31

Who can find a virtuous and capable wife? **She is** more precious than rubies.

11 Her husband can trust her, and **she will** greatly enrich his life. 12 **She brings** him good, not harm, all the days of her life. :13 **She finds** wool and flax and busily spins it. 14 **She is like** a merchant's ship, bringing her food from afar.

15 **She gets up** before dawn to prepare breakfast for her household and plan the day's work for her servant girls. :16 **She goes** to inspect a field and buys it; with her earnings she plants a vineyard. 17 **She is** energetic and strong, a hard worker. 18 **She makes** sure her dealings are profitable; her lamp burns late into the night. :19 **Her hands** are busy spinning thread, **her fingers** twisting fiber.

:20 **She extends** a helping hand to the poor and opens her arms to the needy. :21 **She has** no fear of winter for her household, for everyone has warm clothes.

:22 **She makes** her own bedspreads. **She dresses** in fine linen and purple gowns. 23 **Her husband** is well known at the city gates, where he sits with the other civic leaders. 24 **She makes** belted linen garments and sashes to sell to the merchants. :25 **She is** clothed with strength and dignity, and **she laughs** without fear of the future .26 When **she speaks**, her words are wise, and

she gives instructions with kindness. 27 **She carefully** watches everything in her household and suffers nothing from laziness. :28 **Her children** stand and bless her. **Her husband** praises her: 29 "There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!" :30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but **a woman who fears the Lord** will be greatly praised.

31 Reward her for all **she has done**. **Let her deeds** publicly declare her praise.

What Do You Think

The Hourly Pay Rate of a Godly Wife Ought to Be?

Hourly pay rate of a **maid** – 12.00 hr.

Hourly pay rate of a **chef** – 38.00 hr.

Hourly pay rate of a **nurse** – 50.00 hr.

Hourly pay rate of a **bookkeeper** – 37.00 hr.
Hourly pay rate of a **secretary** – 30.00 hr.
Hourly pay rate of a **Uber / Taxi driver** – 20.00 hr.
Hourly pay rate of a **teacher** – 45.00 – 100.00 hr.
Hourly pay rate of a **lover** – ? hr.
Hourly pay rate of a **friend** – ? hr.
Hourly pay rate of a **babysitter** – ? hr.
Hourly pay rate of a **travel partner** – ? hr.
Hourly pay rate of a **sit and listen to you** – ? hr.

Men and Women – This is a bizarre truth:

A godly woman is so unexplainably attractive that even an unbelieving man will be attracted to her and he may not even understand why.

There is only one thing more beautiful than a godly woman, it **is a pregnant godly woman** - - they just glow, they glow all over the place

The man, the husband, has been ordained by God to **beautify his wife**.

(Did you see the moon this week?)

It was so big and bright that it casts shadows across the land in the middle of the night. Yet the moon has absolutely no light emitting powers – it can only reflect the light of the sun. The husband is to get his light from the Lord and as the husband he is to reflect that light upon his wife. – They both shine when things are right!

End of Study

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