

# The Book of 1 Peter

## Marriage God's Way!

1 Peter 3:1-7

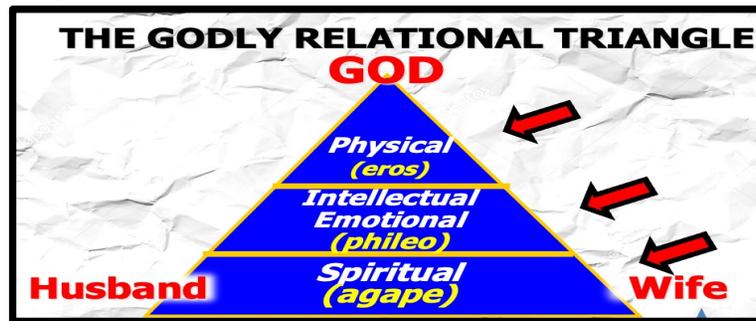
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### Bottom Line:

Marriage done God's way is wonderful. God's Word teaches that men and women are equal in dignity and worth before God, yet distinct and complementary in their roles, especially within the context of marriage.

**Intro:** *Important to understand God's full picture of marriage in any biblical study of it!!* Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:1-5; Ephesians 5:22-35; 1 Peter 3:1-7; 1 Corinthians 7

"Oneness" occurs when marriages develop a comprehensive, biblical relational model"



"Oneness" in marriage is built by adhering to biblical attitudes and actions that reflect Christ in us:



The N.T. consistently affirms:

**Equality of Essence** – Men and women are equal image-bearers and co-heirs in Christ (Galatians 3:28).

**Distinction of Role** – God assigns different functions within marriage & the church for order & beauty! (Eph 5; 1 Tim 2).

**Christ as the Model** – Authority and submission mirror the relationship within the Trinity and between Christ and the church (1 Corinthians 11:3).

**1. God calls wives to a willing, Jesus-glorifying submission.** 1 Peter 3:1-2; Ephesians 5:22-24

**A. Submission is an act of trust in God's authority**

- Biblical submission does not imply inferiority but implies faith.

- This mirrors the N.T. call for believers to submit to God-ordained authority structures.

(Ephesians 5:22-24; Colossians 3:18)

- Importantly, submission is never absolute; obedience to God always comes first! Acts 5:29  
- Submission becomes an act of worship-entrusting oneself to the Lord who sees and judges justly.

**B. God uses Godly conduct as a powerful testimony for Christ.** 1 Peter 3:2

**2. God prioritizes inner Godliness over external beauty!** 1 Peter 3:3-4; Col. 3:22-4:1

**3. Complementary roles are rooted in God's design, not culture!** 1 Peter 3:5-6

**4. God calls husbands to Christlike, sacrificial servant leadership!** 1 Peter 3:7