

# L5: 1 Peter 3:7 - The Pattern & Instruction of a Godly Husband Pt. 2

## Sermon Review: Review/Summarize

- The husband is to love his wife:
  - As Christ loved the church
  - Succeed where Adam failed
  - Loves as himself, one flesh
    - Nourishes & cherishes
  - Selfless love simulated
- King of the home, not a tyrannical dictator, but a minister, servant head ruling with godly selfless love
  - Not be afraid to be taken advantage of, because fortified within with patience to guide and grow each individual in the home.
- Husband to wife - wife to husband (consummation, continuation, completion)

## Sermon Preview:

- What does loving your wife look like?
- Direct implications and indirect implications
  - Indirect implications upon your children (young & old)

## Sermon:

- The husbands primary responsibility is to love your wife
- Loving like Christ is loving sacrificially

**(1 Peter 3:7) Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.**

- **"Likewise, ye husbands"** - 1 Peter 2:13
  - A mutual submission, the wife toward the husband, now the husband toward the wife
- **"dwell with them according to knowledge"**
  - Loving like Christ is loving considerately

- **"according to knowledge"** - knowledge of whom your wife is as a woman, according to God's ordinance and design, her role within marriage.
  - More considerably, this is being sensitive to her desires, needs, wants, goals, and dreams.
    - Understand what she is thinking - initiating in asking her what is on her mind
    - Therefore, loving your wife this way, submitting to her involves listening to her
  - One could suggest loving her sacrificially you must love "according to knowledge" to listen to know what needs you are privileged to meet.
- **"giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel"**
  - The woman doesn't have the same physical strength
    - Being physically weaker isn't demeaning, in fact, a greater opportunity to display a greater strength spiritually
      - 2 Peter 2:10-11
  - The honour the husband is to give to his wife is constant for her identification of the weaker vessel is constant.
    - Honouring one in a weaker position is that sacrificial, selfless love
      - Romans 12:10
        - 1 Corinthians 12:22-26
      - Romans 12:16
    - This feature of love is a protecting, chivalrous, protecting love
    - Such honour ought to bear the fruit of praise from the husband's lips toward the wife whom "professes godliness", concerned with her inner strength, brings forth good works.
      - Proverbs 31:28, 31
      - Proverbs 11:16
      - Proverbs 12:4
    - This woman is much different than:
      - Pro. 9:13, 11:22, 14:1, 21:9, 27:15
- **"and as being heirs together of the grace of life"**

- **"heirs together"** - communion
    - In the Greco-Roman world this was a foreign concept. In fact, the husband had "patria potestas" (power of a father) that is absolute authority and had no obligation to consider the welfare and desires of his wife and children.
    - Husbands were generally uninterested in friendship with their wife. They expected them to merely take care of the house and bear children.
    - The godly love the husband is to have toward his wife is a cultivating love, seeking communion not only in body, but in mind and affections. A love that seeks intimacy not only in bed, but benevolence that each join in is a consummation of the intimacy they share in all things.
    - The husband as the head, loving like Christ loved the church, pursues in always deepening the intimacy of communion within marriage.
    - The husband's love isn't responsive based upon what his wife has done for him, but because of what he desires to do for her.
    - This is Christ's love - there is nothing in us that attracts Christ to us, but in spite of this Christ loves us. It's a sympathetic love that seeks to understand us, assist us, comfort us, and meet our true need.
      - Hebrews 2:9-10, "it became him"
        - :11, "not ashamed to call them brethren" (honor)
        - :14, "took part" - so many husbands that don't take part in what their wives do, what their children do
        - :16, "took on" - tough, persistent, willing
        - :17, "behoved" - To be necessary for; to be fit for; to be meet for, with respect to necessity, duty, or convenience.
          - The woman is not only fit for man, but man is fit for the woman (bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh)
- **"that your prayers be not hindered"**
  - It doesn't say that you cannot pray
  - Doesn't say that God wouldn't provide what He has chosen to provide according to His word.
  - It says that your prayers would be hindered
    - This indicates once again the supreme responsibility it is for the husband to love his wife.
    - Not loving your wife in this way, yet seeking to request something from

God yet He has called to love your wife in this manner

□ Matt. 5:22-24

- If your marriage is strained because of your lack of love then your relationship toward God is strained. To not connect the two is an improper understanding of scripture.

Philippians 2:4 - mind of Christ

### **Pure Love**

- Ephesians 5:26-27
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:1ff
  - 2 Corinthians 9:1
- 1 Corinthians 13:5-6
- Colossians 4:6

### **Providing Love**

- Ephesians 5:28-29
- Christ provided all He has without expecting anything in return - providing love that is influential
- Not just financially, but your time, personal goals and pleasures
  - Give up career if necessary

### **Permanent Love**

- Ephesians 5:30-31
- Forgiveness
  - Difficulty of living with each other
  - Arguments, dislike, and distaste
  - How much has God forgiven you?
    - This is the manner you are to forgive
      - Eph. 4:32, Col. 3:12-14

### **The Fruit of the Spirit**

- Not just a ceremony, not just a certificate, not just the one flesh physical intimacy, but a one spirit
- Galatians 5:22-23
- Marital bliss, unbeliever influential Cross provoking love
- True romance and joy

## **The Ministry of Charity**

### **1 Corinthians 13:1-3**

- The weight of not engaging in God's charity

### **1 Corinthians 13:4-8a**

- The more excellent ministry of the Spirit
- The image of charity
  - Charity Suffereth Long
  - Charity is Kind
  - Charity Envieth Not
  - Charity Vaunteth Not Itself
  - Charity is not Puffed Up
  - Charity doth not Behave Itself Unseemly
  - Charity Seeketh not her Own
  - Charity is not Easily Provoked
  - Charity Thinketh No Evil
  - Charity Rejoiceth Not in Iniquity
  - Charity Rejoiceth in the Truth
  - Charity Beareth All Things
  - Charity Believeth All Things
  - Charity Hopeth All Things
  - Charity Endureth All Things
  - Charity Never Faileth

## **Results**

- Strong marriage
- Sanctifying environment in home
- Proper godly influence upon children
  - Pattern and ensample to follow

## **Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize**