

Text: 1 Peter 3:1-7

Big Idea: Living in Godly submission is how we recognize God's authority to establish order in human institutions. Living "for the Lord's sake" means submitting to authority in government, in the workplace and in marriage.

- Wives (v. 1-6)
 - Godly submission is a strategy for dealing with imperfect husbands.
 - Godly submission is the essence of true beauty.
 - Godly submission is a legacy of Godly hope.
- Husbands (v. 7)
 - Consider who <u>she</u> is.
 - Consider who you are.
 - Consider who <u>God</u> is.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Consider Godly submission to government authority, workplace authority and marriage authority. Which setting gives <u>you</u> the greatest opportunity to be distinctive for the Gospel?
- 2. How does Godly submission in difficult circumstances require hope in God?
- 3. Reflect on 1 Peter 2:13 3:7. Where are you most convicted about a lack of submission?

For Personal Reflection

Women

- When do you find it most difficult to submit?
- How might you be more encouraging to your husband's Godly leadership?

Men

- What are the areas where you want to grow most as a God honoring husband?
- How would you like to be a more courageous leader for your family?