

Pastor Keith Krell | November 7, 2021

1 Peter 3:1-12 | “Harmonious Habitations”

Scripture References

1 Peter 3:1–12

1 Peter 2:21–25

1 Timothy 2:8–15

Proverbs 31:10–31

Ephesians 4:17–32

Romans 12:9–21

James 1:26; 3:1–12

Study Questions

1. As a wife, in what specific ways are you submissive to your husband (1 Peter 3:1a)? Would your husband say that you are generally “submissive”? Why or why not? How has God used your behavior to spiritually influence your husband (3:1b–2)? What improvements in your character has your husband noted in the past 12 months?
2. How much time do you spend on your physical appearance versus your spiritual growth (1 Peter 3:3–4)? Are you more beautiful outside or inside? How would your husband or friends answer this question? Would those who know you best indicate that you have a “gentle and quiet spirit”? What steps can you take this week to cultivate this type of spirit?
3. What Old Testament women do you look up to (1 Peter 3:5–6)? Why are these women so impressive to you? What can you learn from their successes and failures? Who are some contemporary women you look up to? What character qualities do these women possess? Is there a woman who you deeply respect that you can ask to mentor you in a Titus 2:3–5 type relationship?
4. As a husband, how have you lived with your wife in an “understanding way” (1 Peter 3:7)? Give concrete examples. How have you failed in this area? How have you honored your wife? What can you do to grow in these areas? Will you contact a godly husband that you look up to this week and ask for prayer and direction? In what ways have your prayers been hindered when you have been out of fellowship with your wife?
5. What threatens to disturb the harmony of your CBC relationships (1 Peter 3:8)? How can you work diligently to promote harmony within the body? How do you presently demonstrate love, sympathy, and compassion to CBC members? How have you sinned against others in your speech in the past six months (3:9–12)? Is there anyone of whom you need to ask forgiveness?

Recommended Reading

Rick Rood, *Our Story ... His Story* (Xulon, 2014)

Gary Thomas, *Sacred Marriage: What If God Designed Marriage to Make Us Holy More Than to Make Us Happy?* (Zondervan, 2000)

Gary Thomas, *Sacred Influence: How God Uses Wives to Shape the Souls of Their Husbands* (Zondervan, 2007)

Gary Thomas, *Cherish: The One Word That Changes Everything for Your Marriage* (Zondervan, 2017)

Robert Lewis & William Hendricks, *Rocking the Roles: Building a Win-Win Marriage* (NavPress, 1999)

Alice Matthews, *A Woman God Can Use: Old Testament Women Help You Make Today's Choices* (Discovery Class, [1990] 2018)

Anne Spangler, *Less Than Perfect: Broken Men and Women of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them* (Zondervan, 2018)

Alexander Strauch, *If You Bite & Devour One Another* (Lewis & Roth, 2011)

Answers: True, 2:12, False, order, again, False, lord, False, Proverbs, Christ's, thermostat, knowledge, emotional, precious, cut, think, feel, do, say, Psalm, good, True, blesses, honor

“Harmonious Habitations” (1 Peter 3:1–12)

Introduction: How would your relationships change if you followed God’s directions? _____

1. Wives, Submit to Your Husbands (1 Peter 3:1–6).

- “In the same way” (3:1a) refers to the previous context (cf. 2:13–20). True False
- “Behavior” and “observe” (3:1–2) ties back to _____.
- “Respectful/reverent” (3:2) is *primarily* in reference to husbands. True False
- “Adornment/beauty” (3:3) is the Greek word *kosmos*, which means _____.
- “Imperishable” (3:4) is used of our eternal inheritance and being born _____ (1:4, 23).
- “A gentle and quiet spirit” (3:4) is only required of wives. True False
- Sarah called Abraham “_____” (3:6) as a sign of respect.
- “Without being frightened by any fear” (3:6) is an allusion to _____ 3:25–26.

2. Husbands, Honor Your Wives (1 Peter 3:7).

- “In the same way” refers to _____ example in 2:21–25.
- Husbands are the _____ in the home.
- “In an understanding way” means “according to _____.”
- “Weaker vessel” refers to the _____ aspect of a woman’s makeup.
- “Honor” is sometimes translated as “price” or “_____.”
- “Hindered” can be translated “_____ off.”

3. Christians, Bless Others (1 Peter 3:8–12).

- The five virtues of 3:8 relate to how we _____ and _____.
- The four virtues of 3:9 relate to what we _____ and _____.
- Verses 10–12 are an extended citation of _____ 34:12–16.
- The language of “doing _____” (3:11) appears six times in 1 Peter (2:15, 20; 3:6, 11, 17; 4:19).
- The Lord is against Christians who do evil (3:12). True False

Big Idea: God _____ those who show _____.