

### Reflecting Christ in the Home

***You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.*** - Matthew 5:14

#### Five Things Submission Does Not Mean

1. Submission does not mean that there is always agreement.
2. Submission does not mean to cease having thoughts and opinions.
3. Submission does not mean avoiding efforts to change your husband.
4. Submission is not putting a husband's will before Christ's will.
5. Submission does not necessitate a wife getting her spiritual strength from her husband.

Three foundational principles --

1. We reflect Christ best when we make him our ultimate source of strength. I Peter 3:5
2. We reflect Christ best when our focus is more toward our spirit than our body.  
I Peter 3:3-4
3. Reflecting Christ very generally is about extending grace and kindness. I Peter 3:7

### Scripture: I Peter 3:1-7

#### Chapter 3:1-6

1. How is the Christian home like a "human institution;" and how is not like an institution?
2. Talk about the word "subject/submit." What is Peter trying to convey? What is he not conveying?
3. What does Peter say has the ability to win over the unbelieving husband?
4. With Abraham and Sarah, is there a time when Sarah was subject/submissive to her husband in a tricky situation? How did she stand firm in her faith?

#### Chapter 3:7

1. What does Peter mean by, "live with your wife in an understanding way?" Why is this significant for the Christian husband?
2. How can a Christian husband neglect "showing honor" to his wife? What are some ways he can show honor.
3. Why is being a co-heir of grace with your spouse significant? Talk about what this means for couples!
4. How does not standing firm in your responsibilities as a husband hinder your prayers? Why do you think these two are so closely linked?

### Prayer

1. Pray for the marriages within our church and those within your group.
2. Pray for the Christians in our church who have unbelieving spouse.
3. Pray for the men in our church, married and unmarried. Pray they will be strengthened inwardly to live role of a man with in the home.