



The First Epistle of PETER

Chapter 2:21 – 3:12

“Peter’s Prescription For Marriage!”

~ Let us look at “The Roles of Husbands and Wives in COMMITMENT, CONDUCT, & COMPASSION!” (Found in 1 Peter 2:21 – 3:12)

> #1 – COMMITMENT! (2:21-25)

- Jesus left us an example; we are to FOLLOW HIS FOUR STEPS:

(1) Do not revile in return (to despise; to subject to verbal abuse; to use abusive language);

(2) Do not threaten; (the “or else syndrome”)

(3) Commit yourself to God; (believe, trust, pray, study, fellowship)

(4) Live for righteousness. (do right always)

> #2 – CONDUCT! (3:1-7)

– Wives be submissive, win your disobedient husband without a word by your chaste (pure in thought and act) conduct; accompanied by fear, which is the trait of character of proper respect and reverence in all the relations which she sustained, as opposed to a trifling and frivolous mind.

Verse 3 does not say that the wife should not adorn herself, but it is more important to adorn the heart and soul. The word adornment in Greek is kosmos-which speaks of an ordered universe; we get our English word cosmetics from the root kosmos. This would be the opposite of “chaos.”

In verse 4 it says that ladies are to have a gentle and quiet spirit, as compared to a contentious and negative attitude.

In verse 5 we are told that holy women of the past TRUSTED IN GOD. Trust your spouse into the hands of God, do not be their Holy Spirit. God created them! Jesus died for them! God will do a much better job on them than you can.

- Husbands, likewise, in the same manner, ditto for husbands toward their wives. Husbands are to do everything we read above for the wife; PLUS we are to live with our wife with understanding.

- How can we understand our wife?

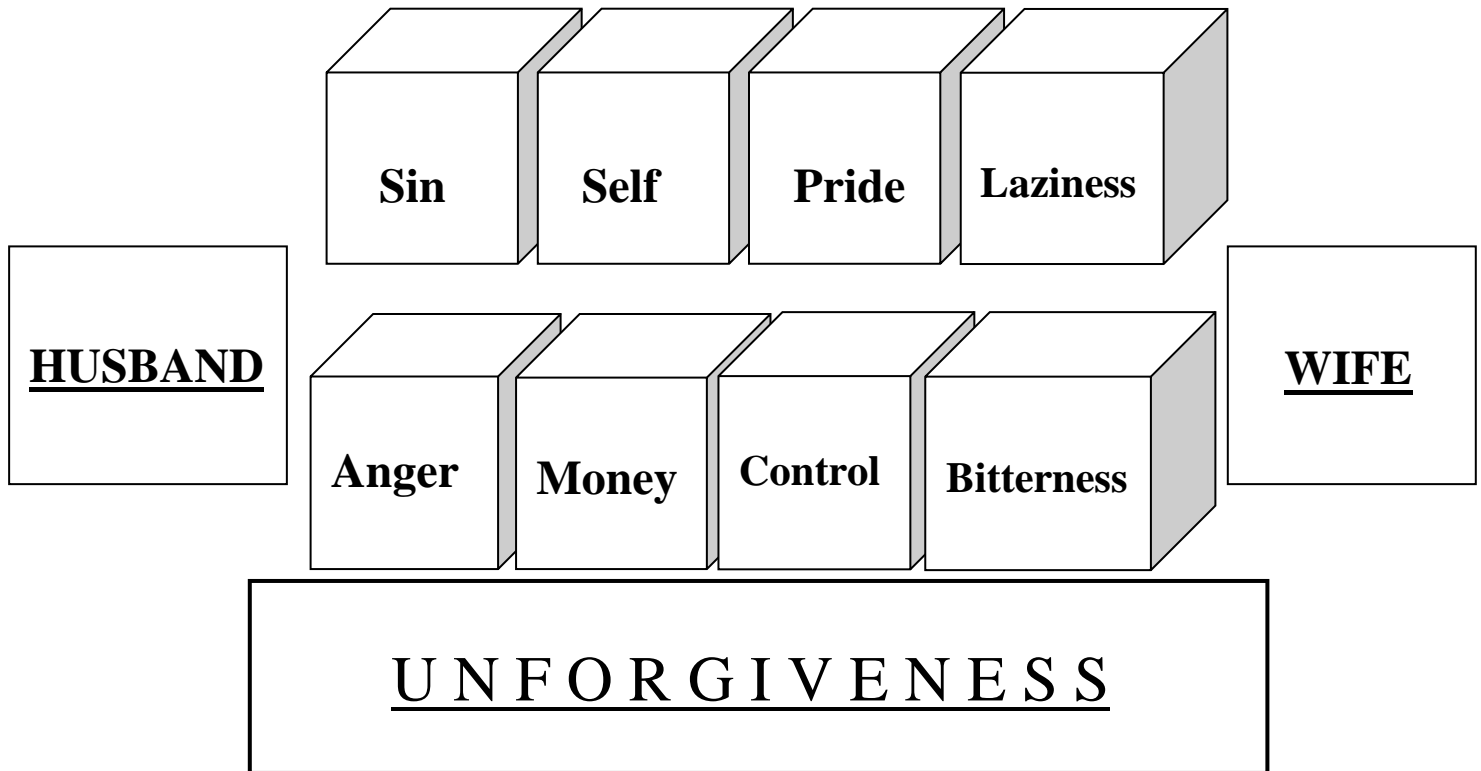
Understanding comes through observation and study. Recognizing what blesses her or displeases her. What makes her happy or sad? Husbands are to watch,

listen and respond. The Bible also declares that we are to give honor to our wife, as to the weaker vessel. Notice it says to GIVE honor, are we? This is to speak highly of her and to exalt her higher than oneself. Remember she is the *weaker vessel*, not a beast of burden. Meaning she is not to carry the load as a man. God has called husbands to be the leader and sustainer of the marriage and family; that is spiritually, physically, emotionally, and financially (Adam is called to work by the sweat of his brow, not the woman).

> Let us look at:

SATAN'S BUILDING BLOCKS

“The Great Wall of Separation!”



Matthew 12:25 - “A house divided against itself shall not stand.”

James 5:16 - Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

TEN RULES FOR MARRIAGE

- #1 – You must marry the right person, one you love and one who loves you, and both of you must be in love with Jesus Christ.***
- #2 – GIVE and TAKE is a necessity. Let love cover the disagreements which will come in any marriage.***
- #3 – Never carry into tomorrow the petty troubles of today. Forgive at the end of the day, and then forget.***
- #4 – Do not discuss your disagreements and personal problems with others. You will soon forget these quarrels, but others will remember them forever. Go to the LORD for the advice you need.***
- #5 – Try to live within your financial means. Do not try to keep up with some other couple; keep within your income. And be sure to set aside something for the Lord's work.***
- #6 – Keep your love as romantic as possible. Appreciate each other. Express that appreciation in actual love and affection in the home.***
- #7 – NEVER, NEVER, NEVER even think of divorce as solution for your marriage problems. You took your vows “until death do us part.” So often, divorce never settles anything.***
- #8 – Keep your eyes on the person you have married, and do not bother looking around for someone else. Wandering eyes benefit no marriage.***
- #9 – Read God's Word and pray together every day. To pray together is to stay together.***
- #10 – Let Christ shed the love of God abroad in your heart, and you will be sure to have love for each other.***

“RELATIONSHIP CROSS TRAINING!”

> FIVE STEPS TO CROSS TRAINING:

- **RECOGNIZE** (our sins)
- **REPENT** (of our sins)
- **RECONCILE** (unity is everything)
- **RESOLVE** (don't be a repeat offender)
- **RESTORE** (love, love, love)

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*Jesus said: “If any man will come after me,
let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily,
and follow me.”*

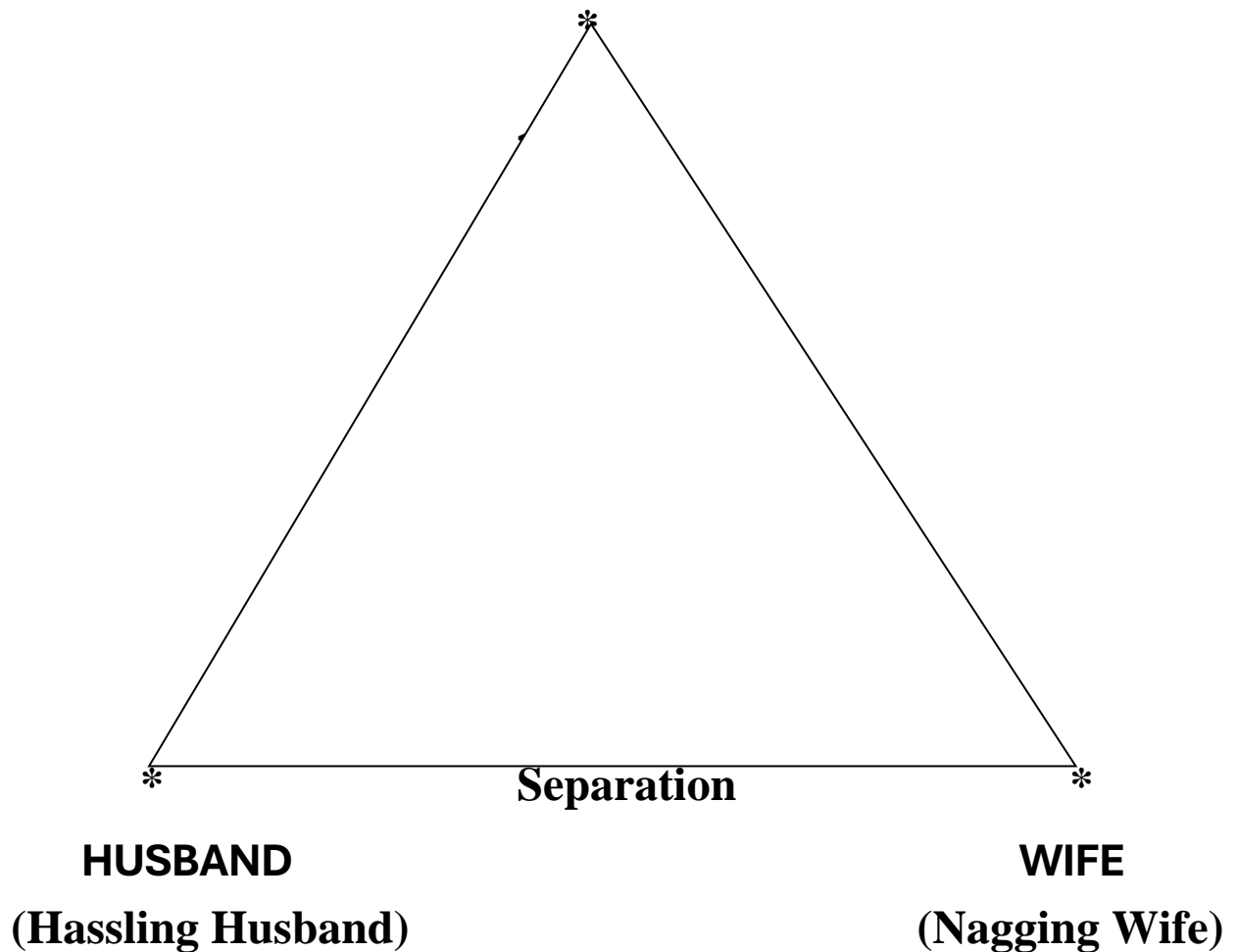
Luke 9:23

> **PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN MARRIAGE!**

ACTS 2:42

- STUDY THE WORD
- PRAYER
- FELLOWSHIP
- COMMUNION

GOD'S LOVE UNITES!



“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”
Amos 3:3

~ **WHAT WIVES WANT BUT WON'T TELL YOU SHE NEEDS:
(10 THINGS)**

- 1.) SECURITY AND PROTECTION
- 2.) UNDIVIDED ATTENTION
- 3.) OPEN AND HONEST COMMUNICATION
- 4.) HELP WITH DAILY TASKS
- 5.) A BREAK
- 6.) A LEADER
- 7.) INTIMACY
- 8.) THOUGHTFULNESS
- 9.) PERMISSION TO BE IMPERFECT
- 10.) FUN

~ **10 Things Husbands Want to Hear From Their Wives**

1. *"I love being your wife."*
2. *"You're an outstanding father."*
3. *"I am really attracted to you. You are da man!"*
4. *"I really respect the decision you made."*
5. *"I know how important it is to live within our means. I am with you on this."*
6. *"I'm so grateful for your spiritual leadership."*
7. *"You are so wise."*
8. *"I appreciate how hard you work to provide for our family."*
9. *"Thank you very much for helping me with that."*
10. *"I'm impressed with how you handled that situation."*

(Article from "Family First")

> **#3 - Compassion (3:8-12)**

– Be of one mind, love one another, be tender hearted, be courteous, bless each other, love life, guard your lips, do good, hate evil, seek peace, pray and God will bless you abundantly!