

Living in Exile: Married Life

1 Peter 3:1-7

¹ *1 Peter 3:1 Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, ² when they see your respectful and pure conduct. ³ Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— ⁴ but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. ⁵ For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, ⁶ as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.*

⁷ *Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.*

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Today's focus:

I. To wives –

II. To husbands –

Application in Community

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Application Questions:

1. Let us talk about culture, marriage, gender, roles and responsibilities of men and women in marriage, and how things have changed in 70 years – what are pros & cons concerning these changes?
2. For the women, how does v. 3:1 make you feel and why?
3. For the men, v. 7 says “live in an understanding way, showing honor to your wife as a weaker vessel, as co-heirs” – this means:
 - You need to see her as an equal in Christ.
 - You need to be thoughtful in all interactions.
 - You need to consider your words in light of Scripture.
 - You need to consider your words in light of her personality, hopes, dreams, desires, strengths and flaws.

⇒ Men, how do we do this?
4. Let's let our wives chime in [because vv. 2-6 says the same thing as v.7]. Thus, the focus for both husband and wife is the inner-life that is pleasing to GOD, which only comes about through time with GOD. And so → how can we each be thoughtful and considerate to harmonize our marriages, while recognizing leadership/followership as prescribed by the LORD? [Open ended question – go where discussion leads]

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