

- Passages like this are used to justify practices and beliefs about women and men, and their roles in marriage, and even in society, that goes beyond the author's intention ... Why it's imperative we learn how to read the Bible well, so to understand the Bible correctly and apply the Bible faithfully ... **FRAMEWORK - THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN BY GOD, THROUGH PEOPLE, TO OTHERS, ABOUT JESUS, FOR US** ... While some passages easy for kid to understand, other passages require to dig beneath the surface for what's being said and why, so you can **ACCURATELY APPLY THE PASSAGE TO YOUR CONTEXT**
- Peter addressing how to live as believers in a world that stands opposed to Christ ... **CHARACTER AND CONDUCT HE CALLS US TO PUT ON DOES NOT COME NATURALLY TO US (2:11)** ... We need to actively keep ourselves in check by listening to the Holy Spirit within us ... **Voluntarily come under every human authority because of the Lord** ... God's ordained authority
- **WOMEN ARE TO VOLUNTARILY COME UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THEIR HUSBANDS** ... Not blanket command for a woman to submit to every man ... Not passage barring women from having any leadership in society (home and church are roles defined specifically) ... **Gn1:26-28** – both created in God's image; partners in exercising dominion over creation ... **Mt28:18-20** – both commanded to make disciples everywhere and anywhere (no restrictions) ... All Christians are to voluntarily come under the authority and roles God has ordained for men & women ... Though, women who are married to non-Christian men are being addressed by Peter, the principles he puts forth apply to all wives and all husbands
 - **A WIFE'S SUBMISSION SHOULD BE MOTIVATED BY THE GOSPEL CHRIST ACHIEVED AND DEMONSTRATED** ... Submission is a sign of your faith and devotion in God ... **HE'S THE PRIMARY RECIPIENT OF YOUR SUBMISSION (3:3-4)** ... As you do this, He provides you the means to extend honor, trust, grace, and unconditional love to your spouse
 - This does not mean that a wife and husband will always agree on a decision; nor does it mean that a wife is unable to give her opinion or express ideas ... **MARRIAGE IS A COVENANT BETWEEN A MAN AND WOMAN, WHO ARE JOINED AS ONE IN PARTNERSHIP** ... Though a husband is head of family, he's not a solo leader or solo decision maker – he leads and makes decisions in partnership with his wife ... When final decision is needed it falls to him ... He leads the family as the Lord is leading him ... His wife comes under his leadership, and the kids come under the leadership of both parents
 - As said before, **OUTER CHANGE IS A BYPRODUCT OF INNER CHANGE** ... Nothing wrong with women wearing jewelry, or braiding their hair, or getting dolled up for husband ... But don't use these to win an argument, manipulate or be deceptive or be in competition with others ... Those things are of the world; **YOU ARE OF CHRIST** ... **GENTLE** – of the Spirit, character of Christ (**Mt11:29**); inner disposition of strength, faith, and confidence in God ... **QUIET** – inner disposition of stability; not ruled by fear or emotion ... (**Gn18:6-15**) Only time Sarah calls Abraham lord, regarding God announcing they were having a son ... Shows how she honored Abraham (other ways **Gn12, 21, 22**) ... An example for wives, **AS THEY FAITHFULLY WALK WITH CHRIST** ... Allow your **POSITION IN CHRIST** to influence your **ROLE AS A WIFE AND A MOM** (and grandma) ... **AND AS A HUSBAND**
- **HUSBANDS IN THE SAME MANNER LIVE WITH YOUR WIFE (2:13)** ... Submitting to God enables you to honor your wife with respect, service, gentleness, and unconditional love (**Ep5:21**) ... Nothing manly about disrespecting women ... Wife is a partner / vessel just like you; a coheir in Christ with you
 - She's **A WEAKER VESSEL** in that she can be easily hurt, taken advantage of, trampled upon, wounded by you and others ... Husbands, don't allow this to happen – **PROTECT HER, DEFEND HER, LOVE HER AS CHRIST LOVES HER**
 - **YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD GREATLY IMPACTS YOUR MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP** ... If you want a deeper relationship with your spouse, check your relationship with God ... If these relationships are unbalanced, your prayers with your spouse, and for your family, can be hindered ... **FIGHT FOR YOUR SPOUSE AND WITH YOUR SPOUSE IN PRAYER**, as you both **DEPEND ON THE HOLY SPIRIT** to form **THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST** in you for **THE FATHER'S GLORY**