

Marriage by the Book
#4 Build with the Right Orientation
1 Peter 3:1-7 (2/22/09 AM)

The Reality of My Walk with God Is Revealed in My Relationships with Those _____

1. Wives Be Submissive from Your Heart (1-6)

To Your Own Husband Not To All Men

Everyone is under God ordained authority.

• **Submission is an _____ (1)**

Ephesians 5:22, “submit to your own husbands, **as to the Lord.**”

Note Peter says “likewise” referring back to Christ’s submission to suffering.

The Obligation Is To _____ Not To the Husband

• **Submission is an _____ (1-2)**

Peter has unsaved husbands in mind. The principle applies to all husbands. The saved husband has the Holy Spirit working to bring change in his life.

A Christian Wife’s Greatest Influence upon Her Husband Is through Her Actions not Her _____

• **Submission is an _____ (3-6)**

Peter is not against women wearing jewelry or nice clothes.

He is emphasizing that true beauty comes from within.

Proverbs 31:30, “Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.”

Peter gives Sarah as an example of a woman whose trust in God was revealed in the way she related to her husband. Christianity elevated women to new levels.

Paul wrote that “there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus”, Galatians 3:28.

A Christian woman’s new freedom in Christ brought new challenges as well as opportunities. Many of them would have experienced cruel treatment from unbelieving husbands. Peter

gives a key principle for both husbands and wives. What God values I must value regardless of the circumstances.

What Is Significant To God Is _____

2. Husbands Honor Your Wives (7)

A Husband Submits By Putting His Wife and Her Needs First

• **I honor my wife by _____**

It means sharing life together. This was God’s original design for marriage, Genesis 2:24, “and be joined to his wife”

As A Husband I Must Recognize that for My Wife There Is No Substitute for _____

• **I honor my wife by _____**

Colossians 3:19, “Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.” This involves understanding the basic differences between men and women. Then I need to understand the unique characteristics of my wife, 1 Corinthians 7:3.

Do I Seek To Understand My Wife Without Criticism and _____?

- **I honor my wife by _____**

For a woman esteem is a component of love. She wants to be first in importance to her husband. Proverbs 12:4 & 31:10-12

Do I View My Responsibilities To My Wife as a Joyful Priority or as a _____?

3. Husbands and Wives Obey the Lord

This Is the Biblical Orientation of Marriage

Peter again ties in the spiritual core to a Christian marriage, “that your prayers be not hindered”.

- **My marriage is more about my relationship with _____ than my relationship with my spouse**

Lack of loving, refusal to submitting, disrespecting are sins against my Savior before they are against my spouse.

- **All marital problems are _____ problems**

I am fooling myself if I project my dissatisfaction with my marriage upon my spouse. My marital satisfaction is always a test of my spiritual maturity.

I Can Only Be Responsible For _____ Attitude and Actions