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Scripture: 1 Peter 2:25-3:7

In the larger context of his letter, Peter is teaching all Christians how to live out their life purpose to bring Glory to God, even amidst suffering and trials.

1 Peter 1:7 (ESV)

⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

In the immediate context, Peter teaches us how to bring glory to God in the context of how we relate to our government (2:13), bosses (2:18-23), and fellow human beings (“Everyone” –2:17). Continuing along that line, now in chapter three Peter shows us how we bring glory to God in the context of a marital relationship. These commands come from God himself. They are not culturally conditioned. They may at time conflict with our cultural values, but when that happens, we need to examine our culture and be willing to be countercultural when it comes to the commands of Christ.



What is God's first command to wives in 1 Peter 3:1?

What does that mean?

What does that look like?

How do the previous verses in chapter two inform our understanding of "Being Subject"?

What's the big deal? Why is it so important for a Christian woman to respect her husband?

What does it look like to respect a non-Christian husband (1 Peter 3:1)?

If a Christian woman is '*submitting*' herself to her husband, who is she really submitting herself to (1 Peter 2:13)?

Where should a woman spend the majority of her time, effort, and emotional energy (1 Peter 1:4, 23; 3:3-4)? Is that where you spend yours?

How does Sarah (Abraham's wife) illustrate this?

Not including her struggle with infertility, how does Sarah demonstrate her faith in regards to God's call on Abram? (How would God's call on Abraham impact her?)

What are the two things in 1 Peter 3:6 that demonstrate one to be one of "Sarah's Children"?

What does it mean for a husband to live with his wife "in an understanding way"? (Hint: See *Philippians 2 below*)

Please provide some examples of living with one's wife in an understanding way – feel free to include things you have learned via trial and error.

What does Peter mean when he says that the woman is the "Weaker" vessel? (In what way?)

How is she the stronger vessel in other ways?

How do you ensure that you are staying relationally and emotionally connected with your wife?

What topics of conversation would she love to discuss with you?

What, in her book, would count for having a real 'heart-to-heart' conversation?

Are you brave enough to try?

Maybe start small. Have you intentionally set aside specific time to listen to and interact with her?

What is the frequency? Is that enough?



Philippians 2:1–16 (NLT)

Have the Attitude of Christ

Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate?

² Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave

and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² ...Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. ¹³ For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

¹⁴ Do everything without complaining and arguing, ¹⁵ so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. ¹⁶ Hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ's return, I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless.