

Godly Marriage

1 Peter 3:1-7

Scripture has much to say about marriage; some by teaching and some by example. Peter offers only a small slice of the whole, but it is rich in purpose and insight. Relationships, especially marriage, reveal our flaws and imperfections. The context of Peter's letter is that all of our conduct is in and through the grace of God in Christ.

Wives

Purpose: Husbands may be won to Christ or encouraged in faith

Conduct: submitting

Respectful and pure

- Not relying and hoping in external and fading styles

+ But adorning the hidden person of the heart

With the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit
(This is precious to God)

+ Placing hope in God

+Doing good

- Not fearing in anything frightening

Submission is NOT:

Always agreeing with husband in important matters

Leaving her brains at the altar

Avoiding effort to change her husband

Putting will of husband before the will of Christ

Getting all spiritual strength from her husband

Acting in fear toward her husband

Husbands

Purpose: so that prayers may not be hindered

Conduct: understanding

Showing honor (*see also 2:17*)

Non-threatening (to the weaker vessel)

Joint Heirs of the Grace of Life

Salvation of one not dependent on the other

Full equality before God

Receive the same inheritance