



“YOU CAN MAKE IT”
FAMILY MATTERS
1 PETER 3:1-7

A WORD TO WIVES

◆ **ANALYZE YOUR _____ vv. 1-2**

GOD CALLS A WIFE TO SUBMIT TO THEIR HUSBANDS

Submission=“to place under rank”-God has a place for everything

WHAT SUBMISSION IS NOT?

- Enduring physical or verbal abuse
- Supporting a husband in wrongness or illegal activity
- Not having a voice

Submission is an obligation v. 1a-Submission has to do with order and authority, not evaluation. Submission does not mean that the wife is inferior to the husband. The man and woman were both created in God’s image.

Submission is an opportunity v. 1b-2-An opportunity for what? To win an unsaved husband to Christ. It is the character and conduct of the wife that will win the lost husband.

◆ **_____ YOUR ADORNMENT v. 3**

Adornment=The Greek word translated “adornment” is the word kosmos, from which we get the term cosmetics. It refers to anything used to beautify or decorate.

The Christian wife is not to major on external decorations, but on internal character.

Glamour is artificial and external; true beauty is real and internal.

This does not mean the wife should neglect her hair, clothing, jewelry, etc.

◆ **CHECK YOUR _____ v. 4**

Peter points his readers to the internal attitudes of the heart rather than the external adornments of the body.

“heart”=the source of one’s true character

“quiet spirit”=avoid cantankerous grumbling that would prevent a non-Christian husband from seeing God’s grace in her behavior.

◆ _____ **YOUR ATTENTION vv. 5-6**

Peter turns to the Old Testament women, whom he calls “holy women...who hoped in God.” By hoping in God they turned their full attention to Him as source of strength, holiness and provision.

SARAH

- Her husband claimed to have had visions from God instructing him to move (when they were quite old) into a strange land. Gen 12:1-5
- She followed her husband’s lead when Abraham surrendered the best grazing land to his cousin, Lot. Genesis 13:1-11
- She endured the near sacrifice of her only son, Isaac, at the hands of Abraham, who claimed God had instructed him to offer Isaac. Gen 22:1-19

A WORD TO HUSBAND’S

◆ _____ **WITH YOUR WIFE v. 7**

“Live With”-Dwelling together in close relationships (Physically, Emotionally, Mentally, and Spiritually).

- **Husband’s must make time to be with his wife.**
- **Husband’s must communicate with his wife.**
- **Husband’s must provide for their wives. 1 Tim 5:8, 2 Thess 3:10**

◆ _____ **YOUR WIFE**

The Christian husband needs to know his wife’s mood, feelings, needs, fears, and hopes.

◆ _____ **YOUR WIFE**

“Weaker vessel”-Suggest that a wife is weaker physically, not mentally, morally, or spiritually.

“Giving Honor”=The husband respects his wife’s feelings, thinking, and desires. He may not agree with her ideas, but he respects them.