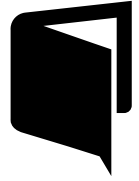


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A SERIES IN 1 PETER

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Part 10 | **A Marriage That Pleases God**

1 Peter 3:1-7

¹ Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, ² when they see your respectful and pure conduct. ³ Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— ⁴ but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. ⁵ For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, ⁶ as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening. ⁷ Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

God is pleased when **BOTH SPOUSES**
submit to Christ's Lordship.

v. 1-7

A wife must **SUBMIT TO**
and **OBEY** her *own* husband.

v. 1-6

A husband *must* **CARE FOR**
and **HONOR** his wife.

v. 7



What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

Getting to Know You

Getting to Know You: Use this guide

for your personal and group study this week. Part of our goal together is getting to know one another. *Do you have a morning and/or evening routine? In other words, what do you consistently do every morning when you wake up and/or every evening before bed?*

Getting Started

Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

- Can you think of any times you've had to deal with a difficult authority figure? If so, explain.
- We all have difficult people in our lives (no nudging anyone!) and conflict is unavoidable at times. *What's your first impulse when conflict surfaces with a difficult person?*

Run Fight Get defensive Listen Panic Argue
Become stubborn Problem solve Bury your head in the sand Other

Digging Deeper

1. There are many who struggle with the thought of biblical submission to authority. So a challenging relationship with a teacher, boss, or commanding officer can lead to a lot of frustration, especially when we are called to submit to someone who doesn't seem to deserve it. How can the following verses help us gain perspective on why biblical submission to authority is not only mandatory but also essential for us as Christians?

Hebrews 10:32-36

James 1:2-4

Romans 5:1-5

Can you think of any significant character building lessons you've learned in the past when having to deal with a difficult authority figure?

2. Submission is no small challenge when we find ourselves in an immoral or illegal situation. As we saw this weekend, biblical submission does have some limits. How could the following verses help you develop a strategy for dealing with a potentially illegal or immoral situation?

Proverbs 11:14

Acts 5:27-29

Titus 3:1-2

What could be some negative consequences of not putting the verses above into action when encountering a compromising situation?

3. When it comes to figuring out how submission works in real life situations, it's important to remember Jesus isn't asking us to do anything he didn't do for us first. **As you read through Matthew 20:20-27**, how does Jesus' teaching and example impact your thoughts on having to submit to authority?

If your boss, teacher, parent etc. were to read this passage, how would they say you're doing at imitating what this passage talks about?

Personal Prayer Items



MARCH CHALLENGE

Memorize 1 Peter 2:24 and Invite someone to an Easter service.

1 Peter 2:24 sums up the Gospel, take time to memorize it as we head toward Easter. — Speaking of which, **Easter is Sunday, April 4.** Who will you invite to join you? Be praying and thinking who you will invite. *We're sent to love people **and invite them** to follow Jesus with us.* Who will you invite?

Word Find for 1 Peter 3:1-7 (NirV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹ **Wives, follow** the **lead** of your **husbands**. **Suppose some** of them don't **believe** God's word. **Then** let them be won to **Christ** without words by seeing how their **wives behave**.

² Let them see how **pure** you are. Let them see that your **lives** are **full** of **respect** for God. ³

Braiding your **hair** doesn't **make** you **beautiful**. **Wearing gold jewelry** or **fine clothes** doesn't **make** you **beautiful**. ⁴ **Instead**, your **beauty comes** from inside you. It is the **beauty** of a **gentle** and **quiet spirit**. **Beauty like** that doesn't **fade away**. God **places great** value on it. ⁵ This is how

the holy women of the past used to **make** themselves **beautiful**. They put their hope in God. And they **followed** the **lead** of their own **husbands**. ⁶ Sarah was **like** that. She obeyed Abraham. She called him her master. Do you want to be **like** her? **Then** do what is right. And don't give in to fear. ⁷ **Husbands**, take good care of your **wives**. They are weaker than you. So treat them with **respect**. Honor them as those who will share with you the gracious gift of life. **Then** nothing will stand in the way of your prayers.

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