

Discussion Notes for 1 Peter 3 (Part 1) v1-7

- What insight does the phrase “in the same way” (**verses 1 and 7**) shed on the marriage relationship?
- What reason does Peter give for a wife willingly submitting to her husband? (see **verses 1–2**)?
- The word “submit” in the Bible refers to a voluntary cooperation with those in leadership. Why do you think it has taken on such a negative connotation in our culture?
- In what areas is it possible for a believing husband to disobey the Word?
- When the Scriptures exhorts wives to be respectful (**v2**) what attitudes and /or actions does that include?
- How might a wife apply submission, respect and purity without fear when her husband asks her to do something she believes is unbiblical?
- How should a wife respond if her husband forbids her to attend church or read her Bible?
- What kind of beauty is Peter encouraging wives to strive for in **verses 3-4** and how can they do that?
 - How can a husband help his wife move toward an inward beauty?
- Why do you think some people read **verses 3 and 4** and immediately assume God’s Word forbids women to make themselves attractive?
- In **verse 6**, Peter exhorts wives to imitate Sarah by not giving way to “fear.” What can a husband do to make sure his wife never has cause to be fearful?
- How can a husband become more understanding (considerate) of his wife?
- Husbands are exhorted to “honor” their wife. This word means to value her. How can a husband show his wife that he values her?
- Why is it important for a husband to recognize that his wife is the “weaker vessel?”
- Why is it important for a husband to keep in mind that his wife is a coheir of the grace of life?
- Why do you think a husband’s prayer would be hindered if wasn’t honoring his wife properly?