

## I PETER 3:1-6

Intro: Peter began a section of his letter to the scattered believers in 2:13 dealing with the subject of submission. In 2:13-17 Peter dealt with the believer's submission to legal authority. In 2:18-25 Peter dealt with the servant's submission to the master. In 3:1-6 Peter deals with the submission of the \_\_\_\_\_ wife to her unbelieving or wayward husband.

- I. The Bible guideline for the believing wife and the unbelieving husband Vs 1-2
- A. **Likewise**-In the same \_\_\_\_\_ or manner
1. A reference to the theme that began in **2:18**
  2. The theme of submitting to \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances and people in their life, especially those in authority over them.
- B. **Ye wives, be in subjection**
1. **Ye wives**-in Vs 1-6 Peter, under the inspiration of God, is addressing women who are married
  2. **Be in subjection**-\_\_\_\_\_ to another's leadership and authority
    - a. A military term meaning to voluntarily put oneself under the authority of another
    - b. Subjection of the wife is a matter between \_\_\_\_\_ and the wife, not the wife and the \_\_\_\_\_, since God is the One who established the rule
  3. One of the main marks of the wife's spirituality how submissive she is to her husband
    - a. Eph 5:22 Wives, **submit yourselves** unto your own husbands, **as unto the Lord**.
    - b. Col 3:18 Wives, **submit yourselves** unto your own husbands, **as it is fit in the Lord**. (Fit-proper in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord)
    - c. Joh 14:21 *He that **hath** my commandments, and **keepeth** them, he it is that **loveth me**: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*
- C. **To your own husbands**
1. **Your own**
    - a. "The man that you are married to"
    - b. "Wives are not commanded to be in subjection to the husbands of other women, as some think it fine to be" **Robertson Word Pictures**
  2. It is not \_\_\_\_\_ for the wife to submit to her husband if he is not being the Godly leader he should be, however God does not make an allowance for \_\_\_\_\_ submission in such a case. (Cf.2:18-21)
- D. God's way of \_\_\_\_\_ a husband Vs 1b-2
1. **If any obey not the word**
    - a. A reference to an \_\_\_\_\_ husband
    - b. It could also be applicable to a spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ husband.
  2. **They also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives**
    - a. **Without the word**-without the "preaching of the wife to her husband about his needs", which the Scripture \_\_\_\_\_ give the wife permission to do. Many unbelieving husbands and spiritually wayward husbands remain so because their wife has tried to change them by "preaching" to them about their needs instead of allowing God to work through the wife's godly obedience to Scripture.
    - b. **Won by the conversation of the wife**
      - (1) **Won**-to \_\_\_\_\_ because of one's action
      - (2) **Conversation**-Life style and behavior \_\_\_\_\_ her husband

(3) Brought to a place of \_\_\_\_\_ to consider the truth of the Scripture, thus bringing spiritual change in the heart.

3. **While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear**
  - a. **While they behold**-As the husband \_\_\_\_\_ his wife's behavior
  - b. **Your chaste conversation**- a behavior that is free from all manner of impurities, and anything \_\_\_\_\_ to the marriage covenant
  - c. **Coupled with fear**-Having a desire to be obedient to God and His Word, the wife has God-given \_\_\_\_\_ for her unbelieving or spiritually wayward husband

II. The Bible guideline for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the believing wife Vs 3-4

- A. **Whose adorning, let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel Vs 3**
  1. **Whose adorning** -the way the wife \_\_\_\_\_ herself inwardly and outwardly
  2. **Let it not be that outward adorning**-Do not spend the greater part of your time on emphasizing the \_\_\_\_\_ appearance for others to see while neglecting the inward appearance which God sees.
  3. **Plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel**
    - a. **Plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold**-In that time period, the women who wanted to be \_\_\_\_\_ would weave (Plait) their hair on their head with such things as gold strands or precious gems so as to evoke the attention of others, especially other men. Gold jewelry was also **extravagantly** worn around the neck, wrists, and ankles—all for the purpose of drawing the attention of others.
    - b. **Putting on of apparel**-Putting on such clothing as draws \_\_\_\_\_ attention to herself by people, men in particular
    - c. This is what is meant by \_\_\_\_\_-drawing undue attention to oneself.
    - d. 1Ti 2:9-10- "*Likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire,<sup>10</sup> but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works.*" ESV

- C. **But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price Vs 4**
  1. "*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.*" ESV
  2. **In that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit**
    - a. **Not corruptible**-dressing one's \_\_\_\_\_ self in a way that is not ungodly
    - b. **The ornament of a meek and quiet spirit**-a \_\_\_\_\_ and non-argumentative attitude and behavior toward her unbelieving or spiritually wayward husband
  3. **Which is in the sight of God of great price**-which, when God sees it in the wife takes great \_\_\_\_\_ in her and the \_\_\_\_\_ of her heart.

III. The Bible example Vs 5-6

- A. Peter argues that the OT women who loved God also obeyed God and were \_\_\_\_\_ to their own husbands. Vs 5
- B. Sarah was submissive when Abraham walked \_\_\_\_\_ and/or \_\_\_\_\_ Vs