

# MEN: Seeing Your Spouse as a “Fellow Heir”

The Anchor Relationships Series

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**Preliminary Question:** What is wrong with abortion? It is murder, disregard of human life because of age, development, inconvenience, the child’s weakness. **Understand the spirit of abortion.**

Our primary text: **1 Peter 3:1-7** (focus on v7)

**1 Peter 3:7** - *“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.”* **Context:** Jewish men prayed, *“Blessed are you O God, King of the Universe, who has not made me... a Gentile, a slave, and a woman.”*

## Likewise

See **1 Peter 2:13, 2:18, 2:21, 3:1, 3:7**

**For the Lord’s sake, as an act of submission to Him.**

## Live with your Wives in an Understanding Way

**What does this look like?** Showing her honor as the weaker vessel.

***We will come back to this later.***

## Why?

### 1. She is an “heir with you” (joint heir, a fellow heir) of the grace of life.

- **She is a Gift from God**

**Proverbs 18:22** - *“He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD.”*

- **She is made in the Image of God**

**Genesis 1:27** - *“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”*

**She is an expression of God’s image, just as much as you are.**

*“There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal.”* – C.S. Lewis in “The Weight of Glory”

**Her submission to you, an equal, is a picture of the submission of Christ to the Father.**

**(see 1 Corinthians 11:3)**

- **She is Fearfully and Wonderfully Made**

**Psalms 139:13–14** - *“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.”*

- **If She is Saved, She Will Shine Like the Sun**

**Matthew 13:43** - *“Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”* **She will be made fit to stand in the unfiltered presence of God.**

- **If She is Saved, She is a Daughter of the King**

**Galatians 3:26** - *“for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.”*

### 2. Failure will hinder your (prayer) life

**This is the practical reality of spiritual oneness. You have been joined.**

**Ephesians 5:28** - *“In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.”*

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**What does this (living with your wife in an understanding way) look like?**

**1 Corinthians 12:20-26**

**Remember, she was designed BY GOD as the helper suitable for you.**

- Recognize the necessity of her differences. (verse 22)
- Value her differences. (verse 25)
- Show her preference. (verse 23)
- Cover her weakness with your strength. (verse 23-24)
- Be moved by her weakness and let her be encouraged by your strength. (verse 26)