

Adult Sunday School (1 Peter) Lesson 6

1 Pet 3:1-7: Submission in Marriage

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Introduction

- The gospel is relevant in every age and in every circumstance: the principles and exhortations given in 1 Peter minister personally to us today and strengthen our desire to live in a manner that commends the gospel to a watching world.
- The transformative power of the gospel enables us to live to the glory of God no matter where we are placed, whatever our circumstances, and indeed even in our suffering.

1. The Duty of the Christian Wife (v1-2)

- Subjection (obedience) to their own husbands, including unbelieving husbands
 - A gospel-commending conduct
 - Will not go unnoticed by the husband
 - A whole-hearted and complete submission (Eph 5:24)
- Why submission is difficult
 - Imperfections
 - Rebellion (Gen 3:16)
 - Perception of inequality

Additional Notes:

2. The Beauty of the Christian Wife (v3-4)

- Adorning defined
- The essence and focus of our adorning must be inward adornment
- Meek and quiet spirit – Christlikeness
- What is so desirable about this type of beauty?
 - Incorruptible
 - Of great price in the sight of God (Prov 31:10)

3. The Power of a Godly Example (v5-6)

- Submission exemplified by other holy women
- The blessing of being an example to others (Titus 2:4-5)
- Doing right in the sight of God
- Submitting out of fear to God

4. The Duty of a Christian Husband (v7)

- Dwell: Physical and Spiritual companionship
- Dwell with understanding
 - Kind appreciation (Col 3:19)
 - Loving submission (Eph 5:21, 1 Cor 13:5)
- Giving honour unto the wife
 - Being sensitive to her weaknesses (1 Cor 13:7, Psalm 139:14)
- Maintaining regular prayer as a married couple