

Peter's First Epistle

***I-PETER***

CHAPTER 3:1-7

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TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

***“GOD, MARRIAGE & GRACE” PT.1***  
THE CHRISTIANS JOURNEY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS OF THE WORLD

THEME OF THE BOOK:

*1 Peter 5:12*

*I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this  
is the true grace of God in which you stand.*

**INTRODUCTION: Reading of the Text 3:1-7**

Peter is teaching us about ‘Submission’ Definitely Not a Politically Correct word for the Nineties

In fact, Some people are saying that the Nineties have been the least defined years since the Sixties... (saying that it took the 70's & 80's for us to recover)

‘It's The Nineties’

Like it's an Excuse or Something

It's all slipping away - whenever God is expelled from school, barred from the courtroom, and ignored in churches

**ATTENTION:**

**THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE COME OUT OF THE NINETIES  
PROCEED TO DYSFUNCTIONAL SECTOR 2 WHICH COULD MEAN**

vv. 2:13

Therefore **submit** yourselves to every ordinance of man  
(governing powers)

vv. 2:18

Servants, be **submissive** to your masters with all fear, not only to the  
good and gentle, but also to the harsh.

## And Here in Chapter 3

By The Way... *Peter spends 6 times as much teaching toward the women on this topic  
then he does for the men?*

For the same reason more woman attend Bible studies and services.  
More woman go to prayer meetings and fellowship groups.  
And more Christians are woman then men.

... **Because it's much** *more difficult to be a Christian woman living with a non-  
Christian man or backslidden man.*

### Cultural Times:

The roman empire, the Greek world appraised women to be at the level and equality of sheep,  
dogs and cattle.

Women had no say,

no input, no value but to meet the needs and the demands of her owner  
which who was also called her husband.

## You've Come a Long Way Baby

(because **Christianity** is the only faith in the world that liberates the woman)

The World Religions and **Modern-Day Cults**  
all devalue the person and place of the woman

## Peter Now Turns His Focus

on the next Area of Instruction for his readers (God's Will in Marriage)

## LET'S BE HONEST HERE & NOW

we are a culture that has at its fingertips more information on the 'How to's' of sex and marriage than any other culture in history.

The Number One Selling Book to the Christian Community is on:

"HOW TO OPERATE A POWER SAW"

### If you haven't yet caught on,

"Family Issues is not the Issue. The issue is the Family and a broken family leads to a broken home and a broken home leads to a broken heart

### Broken Hearts, Break a Nation

In Marital Counseling, *wives make 90-99% of the appointments and the husbands rarely if ever show up at all*

and the Christian home is fractured and cracking today

2007 (10 years from now)  
over 50% of Americas homes will be divorced

**At The Top of Your Notes Have This;**

**1 Peter 5:5b-8**

"God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." <sup>6</sup> Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, <sup>7</sup> casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. <sup>8</sup> *Be sober, be vigilant.... because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

**Chill Out**  
Humble yourself

**Calm Down**  
Start casting

**Wake Up**  
Satan is near

# Do you have a good marriage?

protect it - Satan is out to destroy it

# Do you have an O.K. marriage?

protect it - Satan is out to destroy it

# Do you have a marriage at all?

protect it - Satan is out to destroy it

## Let's Set the Stage:

### God's Intentions For Marriage;

- #1 Is that Man would not be alone
- #2 That the two would mature as one in life
- #3 That Children would be produced and raised in the knowledge of God
- #4 That service to God and influence toward other would increase
- #5 That Life would be made more complete for the woman and man

### Marriage, the very institution

was created and sanctioned by the God of the Bible, Your Lord, Jesus Christ

#### Genesis 2:18

And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone;  
I will make him **a helper comparable to him.**"

## To Underscore This Observation of God's

#### Genesis 2:19-20

Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found **a helper comparable to him.** (ADAM REALIZED HE WAS VERY ALONE, AND VERY DIFFERENT)

## Jesus Reinforces the Marriage

#### Matthew 19:3-6

The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?" <sup>4</sup> And **Jesus** answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning `made them **male and female,**' :(**Adam and Eve** - Not Adam & Steve) <sup>5</sup> `For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? <sup>6</sup> "So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

In Fact, Today, As we speak, Jesus Christ is engaged, as the bridegroom to a gentile Bride called the church (she has a little bit of Jewish blood flowing through her spiritually  
- Like Isaac's Rebekah, or Boaz's Ruth

As a People and a Culture:  
we have strayed so far from what God wants

### Daily Sitcoms

The Husband is portrayed as a jerk. • he can't wash the dog right, • he can't make a bowl of Campbell's soup right, • he can't buy his wife a gift right, • he can't do his job right, • he can't even buy a car right.

**(NEXT MEN, THEY'LL WANT TO TAKE HOME DEPOT AWAY FROM US. I TELL YA, IT-A-NEVER HAPPEN YA SEE, NEVER!)**

(According to the Bible, God has Ordained Marriage Between One Woman and One Man, for Life)

God did not take the bone out of Adam's foot or his head, he took it out of his side, near to his heart, a place that's open and vulnerable

### Verse 1

*Wives, likewise, be **submissive** to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,*

### Verse 7

*Husbands, **likewise**, (vv.13,18 & 1) dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.*

### Verse 1a-7a

Wives, **likewise**, ~ Husbands, **likewise**,

**Wives and Husbands..... be submissive!**

\* *Be submissive* GRK 5293 *hypotassō* (hoop-ot-as'-so)  
*a military term meaning "to fall in rank, to report to a  
predetermined position"*

## *A Corporate, Organizational Positioning*

### **Galatians 3:28**

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is  
neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

### *Genesis 1:28*

*Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the  
earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over  
every living thing that moves on the earth."*

### **1a.) The Example is seen Jesus**

The Truth of the Teaching Comes from Him:

1-Peter 2:21-24

### **Philippians 2:8**

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point  
of death, even the death of the cross.

### **1b.) The Example is for us to Follow**

We're All Familiar  
With **Ephesians 5**

I read the passage backwards by mistake...  
but look what happened!

### **Ephesians 5:25**

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

### **Ephesians 5:24**

Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to  
their own husbands in everything.

**Ephesians 5:23**

For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

**Ephesians 5:22**

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

**Ephesians 5:21**

submitting to one another in the fear of God.

*“When the Christian home refuses to submit to God and imitate Jesus and begins to imitate instead the standards laid down by Hollywood rather than Heaven, destruction is near.*

**2.) Submission is an Obligation vv.1b**

God has Commanded it and... And we are Obligated to Follow Jesus

**1 Peter 3:7b**

**as being heirs together of the grace of life**, that your prayers may not be hindered.

**!!! Jesus is Lord - And Lord Alone !!!**

Jesus does not embrace all world religions,

The Christian is forbidden to court or marry a non-Christian

**2 Corinthians 6:14**

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

**Why? Because...**

- there will never be spiritual oneness \_\_\_\_\_
- there will always be contention \_\_\_\_\_
- the children will be divided \_\_\_\_\_
- the Christian will not be freed to serve the Lord \_\_\_\_\_

### 3.) Submission is an Opportunity vv.1b-2

Be submissive to your **own husbands**,

*Why ?*

That even if some do not obey **the** word, they, without a (the) word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,

Meaning, it's **not** through words or **THE** word that she might speak...

There's a supernatural power  
that the Bible has over all people

**Isaiah 55:10-11**

"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup> So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

...THE WAY YOU LIVE

(WOULD IT HAVE TO CHANGE IF JESUS WALKED IN THE DOOR?)

**Then it's Time to change it Now**

### 4.) Submission is an Ornament vv. 3-6

Verse 3

Do not let your adornment be merely outward-- arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel--

God is not Putting Down, you looking your Best

# “If the Barn Needs Painting... Paint it”

## What God is saying Ladies

is that if you're working hard on the outside of your appearance and not on the inside...

you will never become attractive to your husband.

Singles women are destroying themselves before they have a chance because they'll dress a certain way and then wind up catching a dork...

Dork is Hebrew for the wrong kind of guy

Going Fishing For Bass

takes using bass bait...

Stop wearing Dork Bait

and you won't catch any dorks

Verse 4

**rather let it be** the hidden person of the heart.....

with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

Verse 5

For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands

Verse 6

as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror. (toward God, not your Husband)

# RECAP, ENCOURAGE, CONSIDER

Verse 1c

may be won by the conduct of their wives,

(Ladies - This is a Promise, God is willing to save Hubby)

By-The-Way

the scripture here does not say if he is an unbeliever

A Godly Life can Cause the Backslidden Husband to Come Around too  
some do not obey **the** word

The Husband can do the same with a promise

Verse 2

when they observe (time tested) your chaste (pure)conduct accompanied  
by fear (awe toward God).

The Fear that God is Your Judge Ladies, you Fear, are in  
Awe of God , not the Husband!

## 1 Peter 1:17

And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work,  
conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;

Personally, I believe this,

That if a wife is 'Dated'

**loved and honored and made to feel secure**

**she'll blossom and bloom into the wife**

**that her husband desires**

- it's just that the husband often refuses  
to become her servant/savior

The Church is asked to Submit, Why?

because Jesus is to be the Servant/Savior

**The Wife is asked to Submit, Why?**

because the husband is to be the Servant/Savior

Ladies, 

- #1 **S**ubmit to God as Lord (let Him take the controls of your life)
- #2 **K**now Him as Savior (saved your live, spouse and children)
- #3 **S**pend Time with God (in all that you are doing)
- #4 **M**editate on His Word (Turn off the T.V. & Radio – try it!)
- #5 **P**ray together daily (face to face, ear to ear, e-mail if necessary)