

Peter's First Epistle

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CHAPTER 3:1-7

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TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"GOD, MARRIAGE & GRACE" PT.2
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

This week's issue of **TIME Magazine** (April 21)
"25 of The Most Influential People in America"
Good or Bad - Influential

The Christian has Been Granted by God, to be the most influential force in the world

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ **Go therefore**..... and make **disciples** (converts) of all the nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ **teaching them** to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, ***I am with you always***, even to the end of the age." Amen.

But it's
Influence, Persuasion, - God's Way

God's Way is Not Always Like Our Way's

(((He loves what I call “Invertedness”)))

Peter has been teaching us about
Influence, Persuasion, - God’s Way ----- ‘Submission’

Chapter 2:11 thru 3:12

The Christian Must Be Submissive in Three Area’s

(((Definitely Not a Politically Correct word for the Nineties)))

#1 Submission to Your Government (*the good or bad*)

vv. 2:13

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

#2 Submission to Your Employers (*the good or bad*)

vv. 2:18

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

#3 Submission to Your (Spouse) Husband (*the good or bad*)

1.) Submission is a Way of Life vv. 1a - 7a

“Wives, likewise, be submissive
(Likewise, to the government, employers)

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 - Position

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

“to your **own** husbands,”

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.

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

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

And Today We'll Look at

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

5.) Submission is Marriage vv. 7

_____ A Group Announcement _____

Before We Do. Let's Remembering That....

All of Us will Someday Appear Before
the Throne of God to Give an Account of Our lives...

AND NO EXCUSE WILL BE ACCEPTABLE

Romans 11:36

For **of** Him and **through** Him and **to** Him are all things,

1 Corinthians 2:10

...For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

Hebrews 4:13

And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and **open to**
the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

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Open, GRK trachelio (trakh-ay-lid'-zo) **trachea**

to open the throat, - - the medical procedure known as a
(tracheotomy) There are three definitions given for usage in
the passage

#1 In A Sporting Sense:

A technique used in Olympic Wrestling matches
to seize your opponent by the throat and twisting his neck

#2 In A Judicial Sense:

To pull the head back, exposing the identity of the criminal just prior to execution.

#3 In A Religious Sense:

the word was used to describe the final posture of an animal that has been prepared for
sacrifice, the head was pulled back, exposing the throat.

Hebrews 4:13

And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and **open to**
the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

And Living in The Nineties will not be an Excuse

Like Dr. Samuel Mitchell the great astronomer, who was observing the sun through a special telescope and as the sun was setting it went behind a tree covered hill, and coming into view were two boy's stealing apples while another boy was being the look out. From seven miles away Mitchell watched the crime unfold !!! - he confronted them about it and believing that no one could have possibly seen them, they denied it, but Mitchell was able to recount to them every movement and action... they were exposed!

Proverbs 15:3 NIV

The eyes of the LORD ***are everywhere***,
keeping watch on the wicked and the good.

Romans 12:1 KJV

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

(DEAD SACRIFICES ARE MUCH EASIER TO HANDLE)

they don't run off the alter, they stay committed to where their placed,
they never complain !!

That was A Group Announcement

In The Marital Arraignment,

God has Ordained Certain Laws that never change, like the
Natural Laws of Science - they're Absolutes !!!

Submission to God is Tantamount

4.) Submission is an Ornament

vv. 2-6

Verse 2

*when they observe your **chaste** (innocent, clean)
conduct (lifestyle and action) accompanied by fear.*

Ladies You Should Look Your Best By Presenting Yourselfes in 3 Basic Areas

#1 We Are to Act Tactfully

How we present ourselves. It is a known fact that What we wear, effects how we act

to “Act” is to be discreet, Marked by, self-control, in speech and behavior; circumspect.

*“Witnessing to the World
~ that Jesus is Lord of Our lives in All Areas”*

1 Corinthians 10:31

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

*“Look at You, the Temple!”
God the Holy Spirit Lives Inside of You*

#2 By Thinking Diplomatically.

How many of you are Christians. What now is your greatest desire in the world? What is the “urgency” in your heart for?

!!! To Win Others to Jesus Christ !!!

((We Are Christ Ambassador’s to the World))

Verse 3

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

#3 We Should Dress Tastefully

There is a way to dress and present yourselves that is more attractive and beautiful than if you looked like the rest of the world

“But didn’t God make Adam & Eve Naked...”

They lived in perfection: In Thoughts, In Love all in His Presence’s
(they were married, and it was just the two of them)

“Have you noticed that
what you wear outwardly is a display of what you think
inwardly....”

**That’s Why “Man” Created The Mirror
(To Agree With Himself)**

“”Hey Looking Good My Man””

* **Adornment GRK 2889 kosmos (kos'-mos)**
the world, the arrangement of decorations

(God’s Landscaping is Perfect)

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.

Verse 3a

*Do not let your **adornment** be merely outward*

Single 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

PRACTICAL APPLICATION 1-A

- "If you want to catch Tuna, You want to use what Tuna like"
- "If you want to catch a Marlin, You want to use what Marlin like"
- (These are nice fish, good fish, a more gentler, kinder fish)
"If you want to catch a Tuna or Marlin,
and you're wearing shark bait,
- You're going to catch a Shark"

"Don't be like the world" The Apostle Said -

It's looking for Shark & Barracuda

1 John 2:15

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world-- the **lust** of the flesh, the **lust** of the eyes, and the **pride** of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world.

Verse 3b

*Do not let your adornment be **merely** outward*

???WHERE DO WE DRAW THE LINE???

Should we all dress in baggy black, shave our heads and wear black NIKES

Someone asked G. Cambell-Morgan *“Is it O.K. for my wife to wear make-up?”* and Morgan replied with what is now a famous saying...

**“By All Means, If the Barn Needs
Painting... Paint it”**

Once Pastor J. Vernon McGee was asked...

“Can my wife wear make-up...” McGee looked at his wife and looked back at the man and said “I sure hope so”

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)

4a) The Sure Way to Being Beautiful

For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves

**By Living a Life of Trusting in God,
God's supernatural grace and beauty shown through them to
others..... (the natural, supernatural laws of God at work)**

“There's A Glo About Them”

A Peace, A Rest, A Confidence, An Assurance

((IT'S NOT “GENETIC DEPENDENT”))

Upon The Mothers Eyes or Fathers Hair and Features

4b) True and Lasting Beauty is More Than Skin Deep

*adorned themselves(made themselves beautiful)
, being submissive to their own husbands,*

**Their Beauty came from a position
of the heart and of the soul**

2 Corinthians 4:16b

*...Even though our outward man is perishing,
yet the inward man is being “renewed” -(reworked) day by day.*

Another Version Puts It

“For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands,

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, The Remedy for a Broken Home:

- #1 Submit to God as Lord (let Him take the controls of your life)
- #2 Know Him as Savior (saved your live, spouse and children)
- #3 Spend Time with God (in all that you are doing)
- #4 Meditate on His Word (turn off the T.V. & Radio - try it)
- #5 Pray together daily (face to face, ear to ear, e-mail if ness.)

The most common frustration felt by Wives is...

*He won't listen, He doesn't care, He doesn't do anything with me or for me,
He's busy with other things*

And so, She says "He's not Capable of Leading me"

The most common frustration felt by Husbands is....

she's always on the phone, she doesn't like the things I like She won't meet my needs (sex)

He says "She won't follow me"

Men, Women and Light Bulbs

Last week we put in a new patio porch light in. I could play with that switch and move it on and off all day, it wouldn't work.... unless I hugged it and talked to it.

If I hugged it, it turned on! - *need I say more...*

How to "Adorn Yourself"

a.) Take the Time (Begin your day with Jesus)

pray, reading, select a verse for the day, worship music, cassette teachings

b.) **Maintain the Spirit (Look in the mirror)**

pray, re-read the verse of the day, worship music

c.) **Freshen Up (Renew your mind)**

pray, re-read the chapter, the verse, put worship music

(watching out for what is said and heard, slay gossip, slander, evil speaking)

5.) Submission is Marriage

vv. 7

Verse 7

Husbands, **likewise**, **#1** dwell with them with understanding, **#2** giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and **#3** as being heirs together of the grace of life, **#4** that your prayers may not be hindered.

1 Peter 3:7 NIV

Husbands, **in the same way** be considerate as you live with your wives,

Ephesians 5:21

submitting to one another in the fear of God.

(Like a husband and wife standing hand in hand before the Grand Canyon - awe !!!)

*** Submitting GRK 5293 hupotasso (hoop-ot-as'-so)**

to subordinate; reflexively, to obey: be place yourself under obedience, under subjection (to, under)

TO "LESSEN" YOURSELF - TO TAKE THE "LEAST" POSITION

*** Head GRK 2776 kephale (kef-al-ay');**

To Lead by yielding or lending yourself to captivity. To give yourself over to capture to seize the head, the leader, to allow yourself to be sacrificed

IN THE CONTEXT IT MAKES SENSE

In Battle, Your Opponent desires to Capture the Highest-Ranking Official on your side.... thus winning!!!

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.

THE HUSBAND IS TO "SACRIFICE HIMSELF" FOR THE WIFE

1 Peter 3:7

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

- What Did the Church Need - Salvation
- What Did the Church Deserve - Nothing
- What Did Jesus Do - He Covered Her - The Church with His own Blood

* **Understanding** **GRK 1108 gnosis (gno'-sis)**
knowing (in the act of) to be acquiring knowledge. science.

(Continues) To Be Working At It (Continues)

* **Giving honor** **GRK 5092 time (tee-may')**
to put forth the full price. To value as the most costly. To hold in highest dignity. (TO BE THE ONE AND ONLY)

* **Until the weaker vessel** **GRK 772 asthenes (as-then-ace')**
the one that's strengthless, feeble, impotent, prone to sickness, to often be subject to no or little strength.

Husbands are to be the Covering Shield and Guardian

Verse 7b

"that your prayers may not be **hindered.**"

* **Hindered** **GRK 1581 ekkopto (ek-kop'-to)**
to frustrate by making it hard and difficult. To cut down, off, out) to sickle by hew down

*Ladies, If you want to win your husbands to Jesus, be
“internally Beautiful”*

*Guy's, If you want to be used by God, (submit,
understand, honor) love your wives*