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TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

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Introduction to the Text: 1 Peter 3:1-7

Corporate Reading 1 Peter 3:1-7

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, 2 when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear. 3 Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel - 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. 5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror. :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, (with promise) that your prayers may not be hindered.

When God Gets A Hold Of Your Marriage

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When God Gets A Hold Of Your Marriage His Desire Is For The Two Of You

2a.) To love one another all the way

vs. 3-4

3 Do not let your adornment be merely outward(ly)

To be a “Roman Woman” of that day,

Was to live for an outward beauty. She was opulent, wealthy, a trendsetter – Roman fashion was the “**fashion bomb**” of the known world.

Woman throughout the empire set the look.

Then the Bible comes along and says – there’s nothing wrong with “looking beautiful” but what will you do when it runs out?

Then what will be your attraction?

Adornment GRK: kosmos cosmology – the ordering of the universe. This implies that by being “adorned”, your beauty, attractiveness, and value increases. It’s a form of self-deception.

HIS PROFOUND WARNING IS:

You might appear to be “cosmos” in looks,
but that external order - if that’s all you have, your life will end with chaos.

And so, Peter enumerates what that focus is:

The arranging of the hair.

The Bible says that a woman’s hair is her glory. Go ahead and do with it the best you can. That’s fine, but don’t think that your doo makes you beautiful.

The wearing of gold.

This is a bit surprising to us. Some of these wives had fine gold and objects of wealth. That’s fine, but don’t think that your bling makes you beautiful.

Or the putting on of fine apparel.

Peter is not saying “ladies, don’t wear clothes”, he’s saying be wise about what you wear and be aware of your surroundings.

It’s fine to look nice, but don’t think that your digs can make you beautiful.

ALL THE THINGS LISTED HERE ARE SHORT-LIVED.
They either fall out, dissolve or wear-out.

The beauty of the Christian woman is second to none.

There is a divine, exceptional attractiveness to the woman of God.

Many Christian women today are insecure or intimidated by the look of the world. If their husband is looking at the world – she will feel that. Because her value will be threatened – she might resort to trying to catch his eye by dress or style – creating a never-ending whirlpool.

The word “Glamour” or “Glamorous”

Is from early Scotland, and the word means “To Cast a Spell” or to be “mysterious” in the light or in the moment.

“Wow – right now, for the moment, in this light – you look really good”

“The temptations of “keeping up with the Jones” is a killer.
A wife can ease that in this world.

1 Timothy 6:6-10

Now godliness with contentment is great gain. **7** For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. **8** And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. **9** But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. **10** For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

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.

What is “the hidden person of the heart.”

Hidden GRK: **kruptos**; that which is inwardly, the hidden or out-of-view person within. The real person. The actual person that is underneath the skin.

“Beauty is only skin deep”

Heart GRK: meaning the personality. The nature of or the personality of your attitude. (This is a game changer – the woman’s personality, attitude, nature, disposition seals the deal.)

What and who is “Her person”

We’re not talking here of “funny” or “not interesting”, but - her **words**, her **actions** reveal what is the **inner core** of who she is. It’s not what’s on her // it’s what’s coming out of her. Her conduct reveals her heart, her core-being!

Incorruptible Beauty GRK: *aphthartos*; that which cannot decay, immortal, imperishable quality. **{ETERNITY}**

Quiet Spirit GRK: *hesuchios*; to have become “still” and “quiet” of mind and soul. To have become “tranquil”

Psalm 46:10a

Be still, and know (**yada**) that I am God;

Very Precious GRK: *poluteles*; something SO valued; Held in such HIGH esteem, that it cannot be bought; something so EXPENSIVE, so priced, that it is beyond reach.

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2b.) To love one another every day

vs. 5-6

5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, **6** as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

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

Adorned GRK: *kosmos* – odered. Designed. Put together.

This is how Sarah & the others dressed well, they put on the apparel and accessories of “the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit”

Colossians 3:8-10,12-15

But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. **9** Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, **10** and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, **12** Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; **13** bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. **14** But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. **15** And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you (1) do good and (2) are not afraid with any terror.

This “calling him lord” means that Sarah respected/honored God’s office of marriage – she honored God by honoring Abraham.

Dr. Warren Wiersbe puts it this way:

“In our world today, our culture is such that calling your husband “lord” would be a bit odd. It has been God’s design that since the beginning of time and throughout the ages, every wife **ought** to be able to call her husband ‘lord’”.

The woman who maintains a gentle and quiet spirit, who continues to trust in God as a lifestyle, will have no need to be afraid of life’s circumstances nor will she be fearful of her unsaved husband.

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2c.) To love one another unto the end

vs. 7

7 Husbands, likewise, (1) dwell with them with (2) understanding, (3) giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and (4) as being heirs together of the grace of life, (with promise) (5) that your prayers may not be hindered.

There are 5 realities here that will unilaterally heal your marriage.

Likewise GRK: not likewise as in submission but, likewise as in the position of authority – use it lovingly and gently. i.e. act like Jesus acted with all authority.

Dwell (1) GRK: sunoikeo; {for you super-spiritual people, you will not like this} to be in the same sack, same seat, or the same room together. To be in and around one another. To be aware of the other's proximity to yours.

<http://www.socialactions.com/etiquette-tips-for-the-electronic-age/>

7a So husbands, likewise... (1) dwell with them with (2) understanding

The Husband is to be known for his insightfulness

Understanding (2) GRK: **gnosis from ginosko** to learn, to perceive, to come to know by experience. A (specific) knowing; the knowledge of knowing who your wife is. (Not what she is, but who she is as a human being, a person)

The “understanding” Peter teaches us here includes any knowledge that would be beneficial to the husband-wife relationship: knowledge of God's purposes and principles for marriage; etc. A Husband who loves according to such knowledge will greatly enrich his marriage relationship – yet such knowledge can only be gained through regular study of God's word and regular, unhurried times of private fellowship together and intimacy as a husband and wife.

7b (3) giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel,

The Husband is to be known for his gallantry

Honor (3) GRK: **time**; a high valued item or high-priced thing. High marks of respect because of one innate human value.

Husbands, because she is the tender, softer, hospitable side of you – you are to study her, learn about her, record the nature of her and then conduct yourself “toward” her.

Repeat After Me Husbands

Does she like quiet Saturday mornings – (husband) make it happen

Does she like walking at the beach – (husband) make it happen

Does she like ice cream and pretzels in bed – (husband) make it happen

Does she like the trash to go out before having to ask – then make it happen

Does she like it when you to put the toilet seat down – then make it happen

Does she like you to just sit and listen to her talk – then make it happen (kill me now)

So husbands, likewise... honor your wife.

Meaning: to recognize her **femininity**, her sex and elevate her upward. Using kind and **affirming** words privately and publicly.

The Husband is to be known for his tenderness

7c So husbands, likewise... as the weaker vessel.

Weaker GRK: asthenes; more soft, more tender, more weaker. More emotional-based or wired. Not as in deficiency, but in difference.

It's like me saying,

There's an **automobile** and there's an **automobile** and there's an **automobile**
Each **automobile** is different. Ferraris & Fords are **automobiles** – one's a race car,
the other a truck, but both are in the **automobile** family.

In general, a woman is not weaker in any way to a man unless
in the areas fenced by science. i.e. generally, a man is physically
stronger than a woman. A woman can get pregnant, a man cannot.

A man has different emotional tendencies.

A woman is more the care-giver. The man is more the protector.

The Husband is to be known for his equality

7d and (4) as being heirs together of the grace of life, (with promise)

In the ancient world – women scarcely had any rights nor did they
have the rights of ownership.

So, husbands, likewise... your prayers will be heard.

7e (5) that your prayers may not be hindered.

There is a very interesting **clue** here – did you catch it?

There is a direct word given here to the “Christian husband.”
But what's changed here?

To the Christian husband – your prayer life is inseparably linked to the relationship of your wife.

**I am married to Lisa “Barometer” Hibbs
“In many ways, a godly wife is as
a barometer of the Holy Spirit.”**

**Lisa will always display, indicate, reflect, the light that I’m
shinning on her - just like the moon reflects the light of the sun,**

There Must be Healing in This Area Now.

Matthew 5:23-25a

Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. 25 Agree with your adversary quickly.

Which Ever One in the Marriage is a Christian – You’ll Know.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

It’s because the Christian will be the Originator of Reconciliation.

Ending in some form of Vows

Applicable to both the **Christian** and the **non-Christian** marriage.

End of Study

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