



**"A Marriage that God will bless!"**

Welcome to 1 Peter 3! Peter talks about marriage to kick-off this chapter.

\*You are not to settle in marriage...your marriage should thrive!\* The Bible lays it out!

### **1. Marriage is between a Man and a Woman.**

- Notice in 1 Peter 3:1 – "Wives...Husbands..." This is a Man and a Woman.
- Peter obviously believes 100% in God's creation of marriage through the Scriptures!
- **Its real simple**: God created Man and Woman, God gives **THE REASON** for a Man to leave his Father and Mother (notice there is the marriage definition again) and to become one with his wife (Woman)! Genesis 1:27, Genesis 2:7, Genesis 2:18, Genesis 2:21-23, Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:4-6... **Jesus once again says it was from the beginning! Stop trying to change what God started and set in place!**
- So, Peter is writing the books of 1st & 2nd Peter straight from the Holy Spirit! 2 Peter 1:20-21 \*\*Peter is talking straight from God on God's set-up for Marriage!\*\*

### **2. Wives.**

- 1 Peter 3:1 – "must accept the authority of your husband"
- **Submissive** = not inferior in any way to men! That is the lie of feminism! This means to literally love, respect and follow the lead of your husband as he follows Jesus.
- **Why is this so important?**
- If he is a Christian man, then your marriage will flourish as both of you follow Christ (we will talk on the husband's part in a moment)!
- If he is not a Christian man, then your love and submissiveness (respect) for him will be a **WITNESS** to him about Jesus! **He could be won over to Jesus because of your life in Jesus in the marriage!** 1 Peter 3:2 – "won over by your pure and reverent life."

### **A. What really counts in being a Godly woman and wife?**

- 1 Peter 3:4-6
- Verse 4 – "clothe yourself" / "beauty on the inside" / "the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit" / "is so precious to God!"
- **This type of beauty never decays or fades!**

- **Gentle** = meek and humble" / **Quiet** = her character, how she reacts to her husband and situations in life. How she is towards her children. How others see her in public. What are you like and known for at the work? In your home? Towards your spouse? Kids?
- God sees this life and so does the husband. Whether he says so or not...a wife that lives like this will impact the heart of the husband! He then has to come to terms with God!
- Verse 5 – "This is how the Holy women of old made themselves beautiful..." = Sarah in verse 6. (I'm going to get myself in trouble on this one...LOL)
- Many Old Testament women were living for the Lord right! Their inner beauty, character, modesty and submissiveness was greater than anything else!

### 3. Husbands.

- I Peter 3:7 – "In the same way..." = the husband is to be submissive to Christ, and from that comes the overflow on how he actually treats his wife! Ephesians 5:21!
- The husband is in awareness that the wife is the weaker one physically of the two (*not inferior to the husband or even spiritually inferior but equal in Salvation*), to watch out for her, and protect her both physically and spiritually!
- *The husband is willing to do his part in the marriage to honor God and his wife!*
- Verse 7 – "Treat your wife..." = with understanding as you live together. / Verse 7 – "Treat her as you should..."
- **What does this mean?** You have the Scriptures to show you exactly how to be in a Godly marriage, how to love and respect your wife who is actually a gift to you from God! Remember that God gave Eve to Adam! He did not take a wife...God gave him Eve!
- **How important is this?** Verse 7 – "so that your prayers will not be hindered!"
- #1. If the wife is not saved...she will never be saved if the husband treats her bad and still prays for her! Your prayers will be in vain! **Why?** To say something is one thing...to live it out is another! Don't be a hypocrite husband!
- #2. If the husband wants ANY of his own prayers answered for himself...God sees exactly how he treats his wife!
- Malachi 2:13-17, God tells the men that they were overwhelming their wives with cruelty, and He did not answer their prayers! *These were Men in the church! Leaders!*
- **God created marriage!** It is His idea, His creation and it is very sacred to Him!
- **Husband:** be respectful of the needs and life of your wife!
- She may be your wife, but she is God's creation and daughter first! If anyone ever mistreats my wife or my daughter...not good! Think of how God feels!

### Closing: Realize that husband and wife are both God's very special creation!

- I Peter 3:8 – "Finally, all of you should be of one mind." (Unity in marriage & church)
- Have inward unity of heart...be on the same page by living out the same pages of the Bible together! Let the Scriptures guide your life and marriage!
- I Peter 3:12...God sees it all and hears it all! How you live and treat your spouse, kids and the church either makes or breaks God in your life!
- Being a Christian Man or Woman is a real change that happens! I Peter 3:21 **Salvation / Water Baptism!** It's not an event that takes place...it's a lifestyle change forever!