

SUBMISSION IN MARRIAGE — A DOOZY

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1 PETER 3:1

English Standard Version (ESV)

1 *Likewise, **wives**, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they see your respectful and pure conduct. 3 Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— 4 but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. 5 For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening. 7 Likewise, **husbands**, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.*

REVIEW & CONTEXT:

Peter's overarching theme is holy living amid suffering and exile.

- **Ch. 1–2:12:** Christians are a chosen people, set apart to declare God's excellencies even while living as *sojourners and exiles* in a hostile culture.
- **Ch. 2:13-3:12:** Peter now applies holiness to **social relationships** — government, work, marriage, and community — showing that submission is not weakness but spiritual strength that glorifies God.
- In recent sermons we have studied submission in government and work... now we come to marriage.

Why is this a BIG ONE for us?

- 1) Because we are not under very much governmental persecution at the moment.
- 2) Because, for the most part, we have equitable laws regarding employment.
- 3) Because Satan hates your marriage more than he hates your work or government.
- 4) Because it has always been a 'big one' for everyone through the millennia.
- 5) Because your family is your most foundational and intimate setting.
- 6) Because there have been abuses of these Scriptures for millennia.
- 7) Because sinful humanity has rejected God's design and roles for men and women.

LET'S REMEMBER THE BIG PICTURE ABOUT MARRIAGE:

GENESIS 2:18-25

18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

19 Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. **20** The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. **21** So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. **23** Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man."

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. **25** And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

1) Marriage is all God's doing — not man's doing.

A) Marriage was God's Grand Design.

Genesis 1:27-28

27 So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

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

No other creature was suitable. (Genesis 2:19-20)

The woman was the specially designed fit for the man.

B) God gave away the first Bride.

Genesis 2:22 — and brought her to the man

C) God spoke the marriage design into existence.

Genesis 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother
and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Jesus _____ Genesis! Jesus makes clear in Luke 24:44 writer is Moses.

Matthew 19:4-5 Jesus said...

4 "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' 5 and said, '**For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh**'?"

So this reveals that God is the one speaking in Genesis 2:24.

Marriage is from God, by God and it is for God's GLORY and Our GOOD.

GENESIS 2:21-24

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D) God performs the marriage or 'one-flesh union'.

Genesis 2:24— *and they shall become one flesh*

God made woman. (vs 21) God made marriage. (vs 24)

Implicit in Genesis 2:24

*Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and
hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

Explicit in Mark 10:8-9

*8 and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no
longer two but one flesh. 9 What therefore God has joined
together, let not man separate."*

God is the joiner, not husband and wife.

Not understanding this leads to shallow commitment.

2. THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE: Marriage is for God's Glory.

We must see the all-important connection between Genesis 2:24 and Ephesians 5:31-32!

Ephesians 5:31-32

*31 "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his
wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This mystery is profound, and I
am saying that it refers to **Christ and the church**.*

Human relationships are designed by God to be a reflection of our relationship with God.
And they are not merely an image but a reality.

Marriage is patterned after Christ's covenant commitment to the Church.

Christ is the bride-groom; the Church is the bride.
(Matthew 9:15; 25:1; John 3:29; 2 Cor 11:2)

Christ would forever secure His bride through His blood.
Luke 22:20 — *His oath, His covenant, His blood*

God gave covenant marriage to show us His love and glory.

KEY QUESTION:

How should this affect the way a husband/wife value and protect their marriage?