

SUBMISSION IN MARRIAGE — A DOOZY PART 2

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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 _____ amid **suffering and exile**.

- **Ch. 1–2:12:** Christians are a _____ *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 the church — showing that submission is not _____ but spiritual strength that glorifies God.
- First we studied submission in government and employment... now we come to marriage.

CONTEXT of this Passage-- Why ___ verses directed at wives, but ___ directed at husbands?

- 1) Because in Peter's day women were viewed as _____ to men.
- 2) When wives became Christians without their husbands it created _____.
- 3) This was viewed as an extreme act of _____ that brought embarrassment and shame.
- 4) Because in Roman society (like our society) women were severely _____. Their wealth facilitated widespread obsession with _____ and _____.
- 5) Peter, like the Apostle Paul, was writing against the godless cultural forces that opposed God's design in marriage and mature, godly relationships.
- 6) Unlike today, men tended to be leaders. They just had to be taught to lead in a godly way. We must realize that today while men are still _____, they are often not _____.

WHY?

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1) SUBMISSION in the HOUSEHOLD -- Christ's on Display vs 1-2

Christ's spirit of _____...

Though equal to the Father, He voluntarily Himself to God's role for Him.

John 5:19; 6:38; 8:28-29; 14:28; Philippians 2:5-8; Hebrews 5:7-8; Luke 22:42; 1 Corinthians 11:3

Submission is a _____, not a value or ability statement.

Purpose: win unbelieving husbands by _____ more than _____.

Going with the grain of God's _____ instead of against the grain of the _____.

Genesis 3:16 *Your desire will be for your husband but he will rule over you.*

Godly conduct can open closed hearts. Submission is a missionary strategy, not _____.

2) TRUE ADORNMENT OF WOMEN -- _____ more than _____. vs 3-4

WHAT NOT TO DO: vs 3

Roman culture was _____ with appearance. (status, sensual, suggestive)

Don't be like the pagans.

WHAT TO DO: vs 4

Christian culture is to keep appearance in a _____. (modest, humble, kempt)

1 TIMOTHY 2:9-10

9 likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, 10 but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works.

Your _____ is what matters to God and godly people. vs 4 *"the hidden person of the heart"*

Physical beauty will _____. Spiritual beauty will _____ and _____.
with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious

EXAMPLES OF HOLY WOMEN of the PAST SHOULD BE YOUR _____ vs 5-6

Their beauty was in their _____. *the holy women who hoped in God*

Their strength was in embracing _____. *submitting to their own husbands*

IMPERFECT SARAH with IMPERFECT ABRAHAM. vs 6

Though sinners they displayed _____ and _____ in the way they lived.

Sarah lived in _____, not _____.

Sarah fulfilled her role when there was many opportunities leave God's plan.

APPLICATION:

Biblical submission for women (and everyone else!) is _____.

Study Sarah's life -- how can you be like her to display the _____?