

1 Peter 3 vs 1 to 11 The Bondservant at Home – Spouses Oct 11 2009

Intro: 1 Peter addressed to the born again (1:3). Called to holiness (1:15), we serve as a royal priesthood. Focus on everyday life and relationships.

1. Similar in our Service.

1 Peter 3:1 (HCSB) ¹ Wives, in the same way, . . .

1 Peter 3:7 (HCSB) ⁷ Husbands, in the same way, . . .

“In the same way” = “similarly,” “likewise.” (homoios)

Looking back we find that we are to be similar in our relationship to our spouse as:

1a. Submitting to authorities. **1 Peter 2:13-14 (HCSB)** ¹³ Submit to every human institution because of the Lord, whether to the Emperor as the supreme authority, ¹⁴ or to governors as those sent out by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.

1b. Servants to their masters. **1 Peter 2:18 (HCSB)** ¹⁸ Household slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the cruel.

1c. Savior, even when suffering. **1 Peter 2:21 (HCSB)** ²¹ For you were called to this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in His steps.

2. Wives Seeking a Superior Marriage.

2a. Choosing to Submit. **1 Peter 3:1 (HCSB)** ¹ Wives, in the same way, submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, even if some disobey the [Christian] message, they may be won over without a message by the way their wives live,

2b. Choosing to shine with modesty and respect. **1 Peter 3:2-4 (HCSB)** ² when they observe your pure, reverent lives.

³ Your beauty should not consist of outward things [like] elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold ornaments or fine clothes;

⁴ instead, [it should consist of] the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very valuable in God’s eyes.

2c. Choosing to set aside fear. **1 Peter 3:5-6 (HCSB)** ⁵ For in the past, the holy women who hoped in God also beautified themselves in this way, submitting to their own husbands,

⁶ just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. You have become her children when you do good and aren’t frightened by anything alarming.

3. **Husbands Seeking a Superior Marriage.** (Why one verse instead of six?)

1 Peter 3:7 (HCSB) ⁷ Husbands, in the same way, live with your wives with understanding of their weaker nature yet showing them honor as co-heirs of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

Ephesians 5:25 (HCSB) ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as also Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her,

- Studying
- Special Treatment
- Showing Honor
- Sacrificial Love

4. **Summing up the Seven Secrets For A Blessed Marriage.**

1 Peter 3:8-12 (HCSB) ⁸ Now finally, all of you should be **like-minded and sympathetic**, should **love** believers, and **be compassionate and humble**, ⁹ not paying back evil for evil or insult for insult but, on the contrary, **giving a blessing**, since you were called for this, so that you can inherit a blessing. ¹⁰ For the one who wants to love life and to see good days must **keep his tongue from evil** and his lips from speaking deceit, ¹¹ and he must turn away from evil and **do good. He must seek peace and pursue it**, ¹² because the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and **His ears are open to their request**. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.

Invitation: What request would you like to make for your marriage or the marriage of one you love?