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1. Submission in Marriage
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1. What are the challenges of being a wife? (3:1)

1 Peter 3:1

¹ In the same way, you wives, **be** **submissive to your own husbands** so that even if any *of them* are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,

Submission to your husband

1. What are the challenges of being a wife? (3:1)

A. Submission of a wife is a privilege, the privilege of glorifying God.

B. Subjection is order, cooperation, relationship, and partnership—that a husband and wife are to walk *together, hand in hand*, throughout life.

C. Christian wives seek rather opportunities to imitate Christ in willing subjection to service. 5

2. Why did Peter encourage wives to submit to their husbands? ([3:1-2](#))

1 Peter 3:1-2

¹ In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,
² as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.

Win over their unbelieving husband without a word by their behavior and with their chaste and respectful behavior.

Keys to a Christian Marriage

- 1. Love God**
- 2. Love your spouse**
- 3. Love your children**
- 4. Love yourself**

God's Pattern for Marriage

There are three parties involved in the union of marriage – man, woman and God.

Marriage is a **covenant** between a man, a woman, and God. Man and woman, by mutual consent, enter the arrangement. But the procedure, in order to be **valid**, must be **consistent with divine law**.

Marriage was designed and inaugurated by the Creator, then **He** has the authority to set the rules.

God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them” (**Genesis 1:27**).

Jehovah created man, and from his side fashioned his wife. The two were designed to “cleave” to one another (**Gen. 2:21-25**)

God's Pattern for Marriage

Godly Marriages are beautiful and joyful relationships.

In a Christian marriage the fruit of the Spirit is an integral part of their relationship.

Galatians 5:22-25

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

²⁴ Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Divine Origin

1 Corinthians 7:1-2

¹ Now concerning the things about which you wrote, it is good for a man not to touch a woman.

² But because of immoralities, each man is to have his own wife, and each woman is to have her own husband.

Divine Pattern

Ephesians 5:31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and ***the two shall become one*** flesh."

Genesis 3:16 Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.

Ephesians 5:22-25 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it.

Divine Pattern

I Corinthians 7:3-4 Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise, the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

Hebrews 13:4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the [marriage] bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

Romans 7:2 For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband.

I Corinthians 7:39 A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives; but if her husband dies, she is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.

Divine Purpose

Genesis 2:18 And the Lord God said, "It is *not good that man should be alone*; I will make him *a helper comparable to him*."

Proverbs 18:22 He who finds a wife finds *a good thing* and obtains favor from the Lord.

Genesis 1:28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "*Be fruitful and multiply*; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

3. What kinds of beauty can a woman have? (3:3-4)

1 Peter 3:3-4

³ Your adornment must not be *merely* external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses;

⁴ but *let it be* **the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit,** which is precious in the sight of God.

3. What kinds of beauty can a woman have? (3:3-4)

A. She lives a chaste or pure life

B. She lives in the fear and reverence of God

C. She does not dress and behave to attract attention

D. She adorns her heart with a meek and quiet spirit

4. How can a godly woman make herself beautiful? (3:5)

1 Peter 3:5

⁵ For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands;

Being submissive to their own husbands

5. What example did Peter set forth for wives to follow? (3:6)

1 Peter 3:6

⁶ just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.

Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord

Wife's role in Marriage

1. She must be submissive to God and as a wife Eph. 5: 22-23, Col 3: 18, 1 Peter 3: 1

2. She is to be godly before her husband and completes good works 1 Tim. 2: 9-10

3. Faithful in marriage 1 Cor. 7: 10

Colossians 3:18

¹⁸ Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

1 Timothy 2:9-10

**⁹ Likewise, *I want* women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments,
¹⁰ but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness.**

1 Corinthians 7:10

¹⁰ But to the married I give instructions, not I, but the Lord, that the wife should not leave her husband

Wife's role in Marriage

4. Holy 1 Tim. 2: 15

5. Reverent, pure, love her husband teach young women and present the truth Titus 2: 3-5

1 Timothy 2:15

¹⁵ But *women* will be preserved through the bearing of children if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with self-restraint.

Titus 2:3-5

³ Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,
⁴ so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,
⁵ *to be* sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

Wife's role in Marriage

6. Modest, be quiet and have a meek spirit 1 Peter 3: 3-4

1 Peter 3:3-4

³ Your adornment must not be *merely* external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses;
⁴ but *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.

7. Care for her husband and children 1 Cor. 7: 34, Pro. 31: 26-29

1 Corinthians 7:34

³⁴ and *his interests* are divided. The woman who is unmarried, and the virgin, is concerned about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and spirit; but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

Wife's role in Marriage

8. Respect her husband Eph. 5: 33

Ephesians 5:33

³³ Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see *to it* that she respects her husband.

**9. A wife is to be a helpmate (companion) to her husband
Gen. 2: 18**

Genesis 2:18

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

10. Must clothe herself with strength and dignity Pro. 31: 25

Proverbs 31:25

²⁵ Strength and dignity are her clothing,
And she smiles at the future.

Wife's role in Marriage

11. She imitates Christ 2 Cor. 3: 3

2 Corinthians 3:3

³ being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

12. She's a woman of noble character Pro. 31: 10-31

Pro. 31: 10-31

The virtuous wife is industrious and “works with willing hands,” is kind to her household servants, makes linen garments and sells them, and speaks wisdom when she opens her mouth

6. What are the challenges of being a husband? (3:7)

1 Peter 3:7

⁷ You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

Live with your wives in an understanding way

Husband's role in Marriage

1. A husband needs to grow in Christ 2 Peter 1: 3-11, Eph. 3: 17

Ephesians 3:17

17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

2. A husband is the head of his wife Eph. 5: 23

Ephesians 5:23

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself *being* the Savior of the body.

Husband's role in Marriage

3. A husband's is to present his wife holy to God Eph. 5: 25-27

Ephesians 5:25-27

- 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,**
- 26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,**
- 27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.**

Husband's role in Marriage

4. A husband is to honor and be understanding to his wife

1 Peter 3: 7

5. A husband is to love his wife and not to be bitter with his wife

Col.3: 19

1 Peter 3:7

7 You husbands in the same way, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

Colossians 3: 19

19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them.

Husband's role in Marriage

6. A husband is to teach his wife the Word of God Eph. 5: 26

Ephesians 5:26

²⁶ so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

7. A husband is to teach and instruct his children Eph. 6: 4

Ephesians 6:4

⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

8. A husband is to lead, protect and provide for his wife and family 1 Tim. 5: 8

1 Timothy 5:8

⁸ But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Husband's role in Marriage

9. A husband is to set an example for his wife and children.

2 Tim. 2: 2

2 Timothy 2:2

² The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

10. A husband is to be intimate with his wife 1 Cor. 7: 3

1 Corinthians 7:3

³ The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

11. A husband is to comfort his wife 1 Sam. 1: 8

1 Samuel 1:8

⁸ Then Elkanah her husband said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep and why do you not eat and why is your heart sad? Am I not better to you than ten sons?"

Husband's role in Marriage

**12. A husband is to enjoy his wife
Eccles. 9.9**

Ecclesiastes 9:9

9 Enjoy life with the woman whom you love all the days of your fleeting life which He has given to you under the sun; for this is your reward in life and in your toil in which you have labored under the sun.

**13. A husband is to praise his wife
Pro. 31: 28-30**

Proverbs 31:28-30

28 Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband *also*, and he praises her, *saying*:

29 "Many daughters have done nobly, But you excel them all."

30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, *But* a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.

Husband's role in Marriage

14. A husband is to be faithful to his wife 1 Cor. 7: 2-3

1 Corinthians 7:2-3

2 But because of immoralities, each man is to have his own wife, and each woman is to have her own husband.

3 The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

7. Why should husbands treat their wives with respect? (3:7)

1 Peter 3:7

⁷ You husbands in the same way, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and **show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life**, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

Show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life

8. What challenge did Peter give his readers? (3:8-9)

1 Peter 3:8-9

⁸ To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit;

⁹ not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.

8. What challenge did Peter give his readers? (3:8-9)

Be harmonious – Live in harmony, be likeminded.

Believers must keep their minds living holy, righteous, and pure lives. They must focus their minds upon Jesus Christ and His mission.

Be sympathetic – compassionate toward one another.

Experience what other believers have in their lives – pain, hurt, abuse, suffering, joy and rejoicing.

8. What challenge did Peter give his readers? (3:8-9)

Be brotherly – Believers must have brotherly love for one another.

God has cleansed our souls so that we can love people with a clean and pure heart

Be kindhearted – Believers must be sensitive and affectionate toward the needs of others.

Helping and ministering to one another binds and knits people together.

8. What challenge did Peter give his readers? (3:8-9)

Be humble in spirit – Believers are to work in a spirit of lowliness (lower rank) not to be highminded, proud, haughty, arrogant or assertive.

A humble spirit is necessary for salvation

Matthew 18:3-4

³ and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

8. What challenge did Peter give his readers? (3:8-9)
Not returning evil for evil or insult for insult -
do not retaliate but bless those who do evil
against you.

This is not God's way to react to evil.

1 Thessalonians 5:15

¹⁵ See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.

8. What challenge did Peter give his readers? (3:8-9)

Give a blessing - The believer who blesses those who do evil against him will be greatly rewarded.

Matthew 5:44

⁴⁴ "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

You might inherit a blessing

9. What must a person who wants to love life do? (3:10-11)

1 Peter 3:10-11

¹⁰ For, "THE ONE WHO DESIRES LIFE, TO LOVE AND SEE GOOD DAYS, MUST KEEP HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT.

¹¹ "HE MUST TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; HE MUST SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.

If you wish to love and enjoy life, the very first thing you must do is stop your tongue.

10. Who does God listen to? (3:12)

1 Peter 3:12

¹² "FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE TOWARD THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER, BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL."

The Righteous