

A Word To Husbands

I Peter 3:7

I Peter 10

Introduction

Much has been made of the fact that the Bible says for wives to submit to their husbands.

However, little is said about today's verse.

(Read I Peter 3:7)

Because of the way that the world reads the Bible- with a total lack of understanding- this might be for the best.

This morning, let us- as Christians- examine this verse together.

I. Heirs Together

This means that men and women are equal in grace and in standing with the Lord. They have equal worth before God.

When you really think about it, this is all that really matters.

In 100 years what is your worth and standing in this present world going to mean? Nothing.

In 100 years what is your worth and standing before the Lord going to mean? Everything.

This was at the time Peter wrote this letter- and is now- a revolutionary concept.

When this was written, wives were mainly objects to be owned- not partners to be loved and cherished.

II. The Husband's Responsibility

Husbands are responsible to think of his wife's well-being thoughtfully.

He is to meet her needs before his own needs.

He is always to respond sympathetically to his wife.

Now ladies, how many of you would ever struggle submitting to a man whom you knew always had your well-being at heart.

How many of you would struggle in submitting to a husband who always placed your needs before his own needs?

How many of you would struggle in submitting to a husband who is always sympathetic to you?

Well, your husband will never be perfectly caring or unselfish, or sympathetic, but he may be willing to work toward that. None of us is perfect.

So, men if you are aggravated because your wives are not submissive, work on your part. You cannot fix her, but God can work in you to fix you.

Women it is the same for you. You cannot fix your husband, but God can. Work on allowing God to change you into a submissive and caring wife.

III. The Weaker Vessel

This is not to be thought of as a negative.

In general women are not as physically strong as men. This demands that a husband should be gentle- both physically and with words.

Again, this has nothing to do with worth or value either in the sight of God or man.

Conclusion

The whole idea of submission simply has to do with having a relationship that works.

Sometimes a decision must be made and the husband has to make it.

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Possible Answers: negative, submit, equal, nothing, dumb, before, sympathetically