

Submission To Husbands

I Peter 3:1-6

I Peter 9

Introduction

So we have studied being submissive to the government and at work. Now we get to the most politically sensitive teaching in the Bible: Submission to husbands.

(Read I Peter 3:1-6)

The truth is that in a Christian marriage both partners should be submissive to each other.

(Read vs 7)

The idea to wives here is a new commitment to authority instead of rebelling against an unbelieving husband. Instead of criticizing an unsaved husband, a wife can win her husband to Jesus by their conduct.

This is the same principle taught previously in our submission to government or to our masters- or bosses.

This was written specifically to women who had come to Christ whose husbands had not come to Christ.

It is written generally to all married women.

I. Without A Word

(Read vs. 1)

I Corinthians 7:16- ***How can you be sure, Christian wife, that you will not save your husband?...***

This means that a wife's behavior should be such that even when she says nothing about Jesus her husband would see a positive change in her.

A Christian wife's character can melt her husband's heart more than her words can.

Her Christian love and compassion can be used greatly by the Holy Spirit in winning him to Jesus.

II. Chaste Conduct

(Read vs. 2)

In Peter's time many women who were Christian converts thought they were free to NOT submit because their husbands were insensitive to spiritual matters.

This teaches to opposite.

A Christian wife's chaste reverence for God (Her fear of God) will show her husband her integrity and commitment not only to God, but to him.

III. Beauty

(Read vs 3-4)

God's beauty is not worldly beauty. Worldly beauty is outward. God's beauty is based on a gentle and quiet spirit.

Proverbs 31:30- ***Charm is deceptive and beauty disappears, but a woman who honors the LORD should be praised.***

God's beauty does not depend on make up and clothes and jewelry. It is all about inner character.

It is beyond "skin deep".

IV. Submission

(Read vss. 5-6)

When the Bible teaches about marital submission, it does not mean that the wife is less than her husband. It does not teach that the wife can never make decisions. It does not teach that the wife should be her husband's slave or servant.

It does teach that the husband is to be the spiritual leader in the home and that both the husband and the wife should submit to Jesus.

Ephesians 5:21- ***Submit yourselves to one another because of your reverence for Christ.***

It does give us examples of this in the Old Testament:

Genesis 18:12- ***So she laughed and said to herself, "Now that I am worn out and my husband is old, will I really know such happiness?"***

“Holy women of God” are those who modeled godly submission.

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What does God in His authority tell Christian wives?

(Read vs. 1)

Conclusion

Submission to God is the key to ALL Christian obedience.

If you are struggling to submit to government, your boss, or your husband,

you are really struggling to submit to God.

When you submit to God, all of these other submissions are no trouble.

Next time, we are going to have a word to the husbands about all of this wives submitting to them stuff.

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Possible Answers: spiritual, fear, both, unbelieving, worldly, God, key, character, nothing, not, less