

1 Peter 3:1-7 **Submission in the Family**

Wife to Husband

¹ Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, ² when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.

³ Do not let your adornment be merely outward — arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel — ⁴ rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

⁵ For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, ⁶ as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

Husband to Wife

⁷ Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✚ Peter sees the humble submission of a wife as a **possible** influence toward winning her husband to faith in the Lord.
- ✧ The focus of adornment is on the value of the gentle and quiet spirit which is very precious in the sight of God.
- ✧ This is a factor prominent in Scripture for the effective Saint of God both female and male.
- ✧ The use of the word "**may**" indicates that there is no guarantee that the husband will be saved, and agrees with the words of Paul:

For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife? [[1 Corinthians 7:16](#)]
- ✧ But it does lend the encouragement of hope.
- ✧ The example being that of holy women of old who trusted God, especially Sarah who obeyed Abraham, calling him lord (adoney). [[Genesis 18:12](#)]
- ✧ Godly women today can be considered daughters of Sarah by following her example with a clear conscience and without fear. [[1 Peter 1:6](#)]
- ✧ Sarah had confidence knowing the steadfast love of her godly husband who was the father of faith for all who afterward believed the Word of God. [[Galatians 3:5-9](#)]
- ✧ When the husband loves his wife as originally purposed by God, there is no room for fear.

Husband to Wife [[1 Peter 1:7](#)]

- ✚ Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered. [[1 Peter 1:7](#)]
- ✧ The husband is given the responsibility of **enabling** the wife to be submissive.
- ✧ Love of the wife is expressed by understanding and caring first about her needs.
- ✧ The wife is to be held in honor as precious, fragile and treasured.
- ✧ She is to be viewed as an heir of the grace of life equal with her husband.

- ✧ If her husband does not give her honor as required, his prayers will not be received by God Who shows no partiality and calls for no partiality in return. [[1 Peter 3:7](#), [Malachi 2:13-16](#), [Galatians 3:28](#)]
- ✧ The husband and wife are called to be considered as one flesh, showing a cherishing bond of equality between them. [[1 Peter 3:7](#), [Ephesians 5:25-33](#), [Genesis 2:24](#), [Matthew 19:4-6](#), [Mark 10:5-9](#)]
- ✧ We are all equal in the Body of Christ, the Church. [[Romans 12:4-5](#), [1 Corinthians 10:17](#), [12:12-14](#), [Colossians 3:14-15](#)]