

I Peter

(9) Submission at Home

Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, 1 Peter 3:1, NIV

Submission in the home...IPet.3:1

To what does 'in the same way' refer? IPet.3:1; 2:19, 21-25

Following Christ as our example of suffering for doing good, submit to authority.

As Christ submitted to the cross, to what (to Whom) was He really submitting? Lu.22:42

Total submission to the Father. 'Not My will but thine be done'. Only real Authority.

In the marriage relationship, to whom has God given leadership authority? 3:5-6; Eph.5:22-24

He gave it to the man. This is not cultural or outdated. It's been His plan all along.

What is one specific marriage situation Peter is addressing? 3:1

Wife is saved, husband may not be saved (if any do not believe). Limits on new freedom!

What may have been the reason for considering this particular relationship? Gal.3:28

Women in Roman culture had very low status. Then what about freedom in Christ?

And finally, what is the command to the saved wife? 3:1 why? 3:1-2

Be submissive (line up under) to husband (saved or not). Win them w/o words, w/behavior.

...Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. 1 Peter 3:4, NIV

The reasons for this submission...IPet.3:2-6

How does God use the submissive wife with her husband? 3:1-2; ITim.2:9-10; Titus 2:3-5

The powerful testimony of the purity and respectful behavior of her life. Not lecturing.

How does God evaluate the beauty of a Godly wife? 3:3-4; see Pr.31:10-31

It's the imperishable inner beauty of a gentle/quiet spirit, of great worth in God's sight!

What is the general example used to demonstrate this kind of submission? 3:5

The general reference is to holy women of the past who adorned themselves with hope!

Who is the specific example? 3:6a; Gen.18:12

Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master (lord). Her real beauty!

And the final admonition to those wives who would be beautiful to God? 3:6b

You become Sarah's daughters if you follow her lead and don't fear the consequences.

Next: Husbands, in the same way...