



God wants to use your marriage to be a Gospel influence in your relational world

"The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried."

G.K. Chesterton

1 Peter 3:1-7

1. Wives are called to voluntary, winsome _____ to their husbands. (vs 1-6)

Marker #1: _____ to God

Marker #2: Christ-like _____

2. Husbands are called to _____ and lead their wives according to an intimate _____ of her needs, wants, hopes, and all that she is. (vs 7)

Ephesians 5:22, 25

Now What?

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BEGINNING THIS WEEK!

Beginning on Tuesday at 7:00 pm, we are starting new online small groups for everyone. We will journey through the book of Mark, looking at Jesus' life and works. We will use online videos from "Christianity Explored." You can join in through our website at www.trinityonline.org.

SHARE IT TOGETHER

We are learning and growing as we walk through the book of 1 Peter. It is filled with the amazing promises of God and our new lives and lifestyles. In order to follow Jesus, we have seen that "submission" is essential. This includes submission to God, to government and other authorities, and this week, in marriage.

Where have you seen healthy submission lived out? What made it healthy?

LEARN FROM THE BIBLE

Read through 1 Peter 3:1-7.

Peter used the phrase, "In the same way." Looking back through chapter two, what might this phrase mean? (i.e. "the same" as what?)

According to verse one, what might be the goal or result of a wife's behavior? Is this not needed if the husband is a believer?

What are the specific instructions for the wife's behavior? (1-4)

Note: What is meant by "gentle."

"Gentle" (cf. "meek") in verse four means having a spirit of confident trust in the Lord and willing to do His will. Therefore, in relationships and life in general, this means not insisting in having my own way and living with acceptance and hopeful endurance. In animals, this meant "strength under control." Those who are "gentle" (meek) are not quick to anger or frustration because God's Spirit guides them. All husbands and wives are to be gentle. It is a fruit of the Spirit of God. In this verse (4), God uses this quality to speak to husbands.

Husbands are also instructed with the words "in the same way." What does this mean? (Look again at chapter two).

How does Peter instruct husbands to behave? (List the specific attitudes and actions)

Note: What is meant by "weaker vessel?"

We know from 2 Corinthians 4:7 that the word "vessel" (jars) refers to our body. The woman is generally weaker physically. The word "weaker" is a comparative meaning that the man also is weak. So men are to understand this and treat her with special tenderness and gentleness. Also, she is his equal in value (heir) and to be treated with due respect.

THINGS YOU COULD DISCUSS WITH YOUR MARRIAGE PARTNER

If you are married, here are some topics to ask one another:

What would help you feel like I understand you?

What makes you feel respected? Treasured? Valued?

During this time of sheltering together, what would encourage you?

DISCUSS AS A GROUP

What do you notice when you are around healthy marriages? How do you feel?

How are the instructions in this passage unlike the ways of the world?

How does God use marriages to reach and change the world?

PRAY TOGETHER

- Pray for us to live like Jesus and influence the people in our worlds
- Pray for us to be people of hope and peace in Jesus
- Pray for those in our family who are suffering
- Pray for Pastor Todd and the elders as they shepherd us in these times