

Organisation of 1st Peter

<p>I. Christian <u>conduct</u> - in the light of hope we have</p>	<p><u>Chapter</u> 1:1 – 2:8</p>
<p>II. The believer's <u>life</u> - in the light of our Sevenfold position</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A chosen generation2. A royal priesthood,3. A holy nation,4. A peculiar people;5. We are to shew forth the praises of him6. We have been called out of darkness7. We have been called into his marvelous light:	<p>2:9 – 4:19</p>
<p>III. Christian <u>Service</u> - in light the Coming Chief Shepherd</p>	<p>5:1-14</p>

Introduction

- Building on Peter's previous admonitions regarding submission...
 - To the Government
 - To Employers
 - Even to 'unjust employers'
- Peter now turns his attention to the marriage...

Likewise, ye wives, **be in subjection** to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

1 Peter 3:1

- The participle translated **be in subjection** carries the force of a command

as in 2:18

Eph 5:22; Col 3:18

“The command does not require women to be subordinate to men in general but to their husbands as a function of order within the home” CM

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1 Peter 3:1

- *The godly wife will **be submissive** to her husband. This submission isn't a reward for the husband's good behavior; as the proper order of the home, God commands it. – David Guzik*

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1 Peter 3:1

- *Submission to authority can be totally consistent with equality in importance, dignity, and honor. Jesus was subject to both His parents and to God the Father but was not lower than either of them. “Thus the command to wives to be subject to their husbands should never be taken to imply inferior personhood or spirituality, or lesser importance.*
- — Wayne Grudem

Marital Challenges

“A wife is to accept her place in the family under the leadership of her husband whom God has placed as head in the home. Wives are to be submissive even if their husbands are unbelievers, so those men might be saved by the behavior of their wives” CM

*While they behold your chaste conversation
coupled with fear.*

1 Peter 3:2

- Reverence, that is.
- The powerful purity of a godly woman's life can soften even the stoniest male heart without a word

Titus 2:5

Whose **adorning** let it not be that outward
adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of
gold, or of putting on of apparel;

1 Peter 3:3

- Greek: **Cosmos**: world, world order, universe; world inhabitants, mankind; realm of existence, way of life (especially as opposed to the purpose of God); adornment. “To bring order out of chaos.”
- [Same root from which we get “cosmetics.”]

But *let it be* the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, *even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.*

1 Peter 3:4

- Scriptures do not forbid a measure of adornment of the person, but rather discourages *dependence* upon this to make one pleasing and attractive.

“A slatternly or slovenly person only repels. But one may be tastefully attired and immaculately groomed, and yet spoil everything by a haughty spirit or bad temper.”

But *let it be the hidden man of the heart*, in that which is not corruptible, *even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.*

1 Peter 3:4

- The hidden person...
- The real person that you are on the inside

For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

1 Peter 3:5

- (This is a comment on the role of husbands and wives, not men and women in general.)

Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord:
whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well,
and are not afraid with any amazement.

1 Peter 3:6

- She even accommodating Abrahams's half-truths about her being his sister, etc. **Gen 20**
- “Amazement”? *ptoesis*, to be afraid of with terror (only here in the NT). **Gen 18:12**

Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

1 Peter 3:7

