

Godliness In Relationships

Proclamation Life Groups; 1 Peter 3:1-12; Week of Sunday, May 6, 2018; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme – Wives, husbands, and believers are called to follow Jesus' example and entrust themselves to God, even in the harshest of relationships; living godly lives in order to win spouses and a watching world to faith in Christ while longing for the reward of heaven.

I. Living as a Godly Wife – 1 Peter 3:1-6

- A. What are practical ways or examples in which wives may submit to their husbands?
- B. What type of behavior of wives may help in leading their husbands to Christ?
- C. Compare and contrast the “adornments” in 1 Peter 3:3 and 3:4? How might we grow in valuing the attributes described in 1 Peter 3:4 as better than those in 1 Peter 3:3?
- D. How does the argument of Sarah in 1 Peter 3:5-6 support Peter's argument?

II. Living as a Godly Husband – 1 Peter 3:7

- A. What do you think it looks like for a husband to live with his wife in an understanding way?
- B. In what ways might 1 Peter 3:7 be describing the equal but different characteristics of a husband and a wife? What does it look like honor a wife as the weaker vessel?
- C. In what ways might unkind and inconsiderate behavior hinder a husband's prayers?
- D. How can we support, encourage and pray for Christian husbands and wives in our church? In what ways might you be challenged in your attitudes and actions from this passage?

III. Living as a Godly Believer – 1 Peter 3:8-12

- A. As you think of the qualities mentioned in 1 Peter 3:8, which areas do you think you or the church need to work on? What can believers do to develop the attitudes mentioned?
- B. How does Peter want Christians to respond to evil? What does he want them to avoid? What does he want them to do? In what ways can you think of responding to insult with blessing?
- C. In what way does the quotation from Psalm 34 summarize the whole section from 2:11-3:12?
- D. How does an eternal perspective and entrusting yourself to God who judges justly enable a person to have godly relationships? How does it enable them to respond well to evil?