

## “1 Peter: Honoring Husbands, Worshipful Wives”

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**1 Peter 3:1-7**

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**INTRO:** Amen and Awoman (Emanuel Cleaver II)

- 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment (August 18, 1920)
- Roe v. Wade (January 22, 1973)
- Obergefell v. Hodges (June 26, 2015)
- United States v. Skrmetti (December 4, 2024)

***The battle for changing gender and the roles assigned to them is underway. God's design for men and women to complement each other with their spiritual gifts has never changed.***

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### **Holy...Not Holey (Women)**

- “Holy women who hope in God” **v. 5**
  - *A Christian woman does not put her hope in her husband, or in getting a husband.*
- Fearlessness grows out of hope
  - *Sarah went through it!*
- Internal adornment (**Prov. 31:25**)
  - *Exert MORE effort and be MORE concerned with inner beauty than outer beauty.*

***Wives are called to be Gentle because they're not Fearful, a Quiet Spirit because they're not Alone.***

- Submission is not:
  - Agreeing with everything your husband says.
  - Leaving your brain or your will at the wedding altar.
  - Avoiding every effort to change a husband.
  - Putting the will of the husband before the will of Christ.
  - That a wife gets her personal, spiritual strength primarily through her husband.
  - That a wife is to act out of fear.
- Submission is:
  - The divine calling of a wife to honor and affirm her husband's leadership and help carry it through according to her gifts.

## Mature...Not Macho (Men)

- “Live (Dwell) with them” v. 7
  - **Office of Nation Statistics 2024** 2-2.5 hours/day with wife (including weekend)
- “Understanding way” v. 7
  - 2-fold...Know them | Apply your knowledge
- “Showing (Giving) honor” v. 7
  - Not treating your wife like an employee...showing them a great sense of respect
- “Weaker vessel” v. 7
  - Don't expect more from your wife than is kind or appropriate
  - Weaker  $\neq$  Less Spiritual
- “Heirs” v. 7
  - Equal in spiritual privilege and eternal importance (**this was radical in 60 AD**)
- “So that your prayers may not be hindered” v. 7

Indeed, to true believers prayer is so invaluable that the danger of hindering it is used by Peter as a motive why, in their marriage relationships, and household concerns, they should behave themselves with great wisdom. He bids the husband ‘dwell’ with his wife ‘according to knowledge,’ and render loving honor to her, lest their united prayers should be hindered. Anything which hinders prayer must be wrong. If any management of the family, or want of management, is injuring our power in prayer, there is an urgent demand for an alteration. **Charles Spurgeon**  
“Commentary: 1 Peter” Enduring Word

- “Love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her” (Eph. 5:25; 27)
  - Husbands aren't let off the hook. You present your family to the church and Christ.

## “Well, I ain't married...”

- Single or Married
- What even is dating?
  - Your only commitment is to be exclusive
- The train is not slowing down for you
- What does this have to do with suffering?