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GOSPEL HOPE FOR OUR HOMES

1 Peter 3:1-7

Passage in a Sentence: By His grace, we are to be the husbands and wives He calls us to be for the good of our homes, for the advancement of the gospel, and for the glory of God.

I. WIVES WHO SUBMIT FOR THE SAKE OF THEIR SAVIOR

- a. What Submission Does Not Mean
 - i. Submission does not mean following the leadership of every male.
 - ii. Submission does not mean putting a husband in the place of Christ.
 - iii. Submission does not mean giving up independent thought.
 - iv. Submission does not mean a wife should give up efforts to influence and guide her husband.
 - v. Submission does not mean a wife should give in to every demand of her husband.
 - vi. Submission is not based on lesser intelligence or competence.
 - vii. Submission does not mean being fearful or timid.
 - viii. Submission is not inconsistent with equality in Christ.
- b. What Submission Does Mean
 - i. Submission is a decision to willingly yield to and obey the authority of another to please the Lord.
 - ii. Submission is an inner quality of gentleness that affirms the leadership of the husband.
 - iii. Submission involves obedience like Sarah's and doing what is right.
 - iv. Submission acknowledges an authority that is not totally mutual.
- c. Rewards of Submission
 - i. An unbelieving husband may be won to Christ.
 - ii. To be daughters of Sarah.
 - iii. Joy that comes from obeying God.
- d. The Beauty of Submission
 - i. Specifically, within marriage, the beauty of a wife's submission to her husband is evident to:
 1. Unbelievers, who are attracted to Christ through it.
 2. Believing husbands and to other people generally.
 3. The Christian wife herself, for it is not accompanied by fear (3:6), but by reverence, purity (3:2), moral uprightness (3:6), quietness of spirit (3:4), and hope in God (3:5).
 4. God, for the gentle and quiet spirit that accompanies this submission in God's sight is "of great worth" (3:4).

- II. UNDERSTANDING HUSBANDS, WHO HONOR THEIR WIVES AND WHO PRAY FREELY.**
- a. What Understanding Leadership is Not
 - i. Understanding leadership does not mean harsh or domineering use of authority.
 - ii. Understanding leadership does not imply equal sharing of leadership in the family.
 - iii. Understanding leadership does not imply lesser importance for a wife.
 - iv. Understanding leadership does not mean always giving in to a wife's wishes.
 - v. Understanding leadership is not optional for husbands.
 - b. What Understanding Leadership Is
 - i. Living according to the knowledge of:
 - 1. God's purposes and principles for marriage.
 - 2. The wife's desires, goals, and frustrations.
 - 3. Her strengths and weaknesses in the physical, emotional, and spiritual realms.
 - ii. Cole: Understanding your wife involves:
 - 1. Developing and maintaining togetherness in your marriage.
 - 2. Knowing her well.
 - 3. Knowing God and His truth well.
 - iii. Honoring her as the weaker vessel includes:
 - 1. Kind and affirming words both in private and in public.
 - 2. The highest human priority in allocation of your resources.
 - 3. If you have children, it is your job as head of the household to make sure that they honor their mother.
 - c. Reasons for Understanding Leadership
 - i. Our differences.
 - ii. Our similarities.
 - d. Rewards of Understanding Leadership
 - i. Your prayers will not be hindered but helped, and God will answer them.
 - ii. Grudem: To take the time to maintain a good marriage is God's will; it is serving God; it is a spiritual activity pleasing in His sight.