

GODLY WIVES

I Peter 3:1-6

Godly wives will follow God's guidelines for their marriage relationships

I. HER SUBMISSION (1-2)

A. THE SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT (1a)

1. The Reason (2:12)
2. The Association: "In the same way ..." (2:13-25)
3. The Details
 - a. Wives be submissive
 - b. This submission is to their own husbands
 - Watch him glow! > "Few things are more compelling to man as his wife's loving submission." [Ward Andersen, "BJU Review: I Peter," p. 38]

B. THE SUBMISSION POTENTIAL (1b-2)

1. Lost husbands can be won!
2. Lost husbands can be won without words!
3. Lost husbands can be won by watching their wives conduct (2)
 - a. They will observe: Note that it says "as" not "if" they observe
 - b. Let them observe purity or chaste behavior
 - c. Let them observe respectful behavior
 - d. Lost husbands can be won by being wowed with such godly submission

II. HER FOCUS (3-4)

A. NOT ON EXTERNAL FASHIONS (3)

1. The Problem: A superficial preoccupation with hair, jewelry and fine clothing
 - See also I Tim. 2:9-10
2. The Potential: Flashiness
3. Her Position: Not focused on externals alone

B. RATHER ON INTERNAL BEAUTY (4)

1. Working hard at what is hidden but produces holiness - Proverbs 31:30
2. Understanding what is timeless and incorruptible
3. Producing gentleness: A kind, considerate, benevolent temperament
4. Perfecting quietness: A contented, peaceful, calm spirit
5. This is precious to God

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III. HER INSPIRATION (5-6)

A. WOMEN FROM THE PAST (5)

1. Look back: See how holy women conducted themselves
2. Be Encouraged: Others have done this!

B. SARAH IN PARTICULAR (6)

1. Consider Sarah's attitude
 - a. Obedient: Making a personal choice
 - b. Respectful: Calling him lord > Protecting his reputation
2. Continue Sarah's heritage
 - a. Being her children who take after her
 - b. Doing right
 - c. Living without fear

CONCLUSION:

God desires wives who follow His guidelines in marriage

- Be submissive
- Be focused on internal holiness
- Be inspired by godly women