

1 Peter 3:1-7

Travelers on the Way: Adorned with Submission

- I. Godly service and submission start at home. (v. 1-2)
 - a. We have been called to live beautifully, so that people are drawn to Christ. (1 Peter 2:12)
 - b. While we are to be subject to those in governing and working authority over us, practicing submission begins in the home.
 - c. The respectful submission of a wife to an unbelieving husband has the ability to win the husband to Christ.
 - d. The submission of wife to husband is grounded in the reality of Christ's relationship to the church. (Ephesians 5:22-33)

- II. Grace-filled adorning is situated in the inner person. (v. 3-4)
 - a. Peter's admonition isn't to prohibit dressing up or fixing one's hair or wearing jewelry.
 - b. His purpose is to explain what really matters: the hidden person of the heart. (1 Samuel 16:7)
 - c. God values a gentle and quiet spirit far more than any outward adornment.

- III. God-given examples serve to guide us along the way. (v. 5-6)
 - a. Being a daughter of Sarah means being a part of the family of faith and having access to God's blessings and promises.
 - b. While these guides are often deeply flawed, they all share the characteristic of entrusting themselves to the Lord. (1 Peter 2:23)

- IV. God-led husbands should seek to honor to their wives. (v. 7)
 - a. Showing honor means acknowledging the value of something.
 - b. Failing to live in an understanding way with one's wife directly impacts one's relationship with God.