

1 Peter 3:1-6

Men are called to model Christ to their families. They are to be willing to sacrifice for their family, provide for them and protect them. They are submitting to Christ's will to do this. Why will a Christlike husband mean a woman has nothing to fear when she submits to her husband? How does this truth highlight the importance of finding a Christian spouse? In what ways can you help single people value searching for a Christian spouse?

Peter also addresses women who are Christians, but aren't married to Christians. Are they allowed to disregard the head/helper role which Peter is advocating? Why or why not? What is the Christian wife's goal with regards to her husband's spiritual life? How will her humble submission help win her husband over?

Conversely, what will happen to a marriage if the wife calls herself a Christian, but causes all kinds of trouble because she disrespects her husband? Why would her troublemaking be a poor reflection on Christ? How does Christ benefit when a wife lives a pure and reverent life towards her husband?

Peter references Abraham's wife Sarah. Why might he bring up her example? How does God bring blessing when women follow Sarah's example?

Peter touches on a topic which is still incredibly relevant today: women's appearance. What kinds of destructive pressures do women face when it comes to appearance? How do these demands take their toll on women? Why is seeking the approval of people who prize glamor above all else dangerous?

Evaluate: Peter is saying any form of outward adornment is wrong. Where does God want a Christian woman to find true beauty? Why is this liberating for a Christian woman? For a Christian man? In what ways is inner beauty much more valuable than outward beauty?