

### **1 Peter 3:1-2**

Agree or Disagree: a person who submits to someone else means that person is inferior to the person he or she submits to. Why is it important to remember the value of submitting to others when there are specific roles given to people i.e. in the military, a sports team or a surgical team?

Peter urges wives to be submissive to their husbands. What does Peter have in mind when he talks about wives submitting to their husbands? Who does he want the husband to represent to the wife? Why will it bring trouble to a marriage when a wife won't let her husband model Christ to her?

What is the inspiration which Peter gives to wives to be willing to submit to their husbands? Why would women need to be inspired by Christ to be willing to submit to their husbands? How is the idea of wife submitting to her husband received in our day and age?

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?