

## 1 Peter 3:1-12

1. 3:1 What does he mean by, **“in the same way”**?
  - a. How is this “submission” similar to that in 2:13-15?
  - b. What does **“submissive”** mean? (KJV ~ **in subjection**)
  - c. For what purpose does Peter want them to do this?
  - d. On scale of 1-10, where would you rank yourself in regard to having a “submissive spirit”?
2. 3:2 What are the husbands supposed to see in their Christian wives?
  - a. Answer; purity and reverence. How will this work powerfully to convert them?
  - b. Do co-workers, family etc. see these qualities in you?
  - c. Cf. John 16:8-10 (Spirit will convict etc...)
3. 3:3 What is Peter’s position regarding cosmetics?
  - a. Is the use of makeup and jewelry sinful?
4. 3:4 What is it that is precious in God’s sight?
  - a. Does this apply to women alone or to men as well? Why?
  - b. Illustrate and describe these qualities.
  - c. “Inner self” is literally, “the hidden person of the heart”. (cf.; 1 Sam. 16:7, **“The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”**)
  - d. How much time do you spend on the inner appearance vs. your outer appearance?
  - e. What / how do we teach our children about this?
5. 3:6 What role does **“fear”** play in the life of a Christian woman in regard to her **“submission”** to her husband? In that culture? In ours?
6. 3:7 What attitude (spirit) is a husband to have toward his wife?
  - a. What does **“in the same way”** refer to? Is this in any way “submissive”?
  - b. What does living in “an understanding way” mean?
    1. According to women’s viewpoint? List some illustrations.
    2. What do men think?
  - c. If you are not married, is there anything you ought to learn from these verses in regard to your relationship with the opposite gender?
  - d. What happens to our prayers when we are at odds with each other?
7. What would a marriage that was really built upon mutual submission and honor actually look like?
8. Is Peter advocating that women (how about men) stay in cruel situations? Why?
  - a. What over-all role model does Peter propose that we follow? Why?
  - b. What did he already point out as “commendable” in our suffering?
9. 3:8 How would you like to live with people that these terms describe?
  - a. Why does Peter feel need to say such a thing to Christians?
  - b. What would it be like if your spouse was this way?
  - c. Does the congregation generally try to exemplify these qualities?
  - d. What can you/we do to strengthen these qualities in the local body? In your home? In yourself?
10. 3:9 Do you ever return insult for insult?
  - a. How can you get around this? Can you give examples of this happening?
  - b. “Blessing” = literally; “to speak well of”.
  - c. What exactly are we **“called”** to here?
  - d. Choose one difficult relationship that you have and tell how you can bless that person this week. Without giving names, what do you plan to do?
  - e. Are you prepared and determined to do good to all (even enemies) and live by the very nature of Christ no matter the cost? (being despised, abused, misused?)