

# Living As Exiles

The Letter of 1 Peter

Chapter 3:1-12 Honoring each other in marriage and the church

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# LIVING AS EXILES

- #1 Living in Hope
- #2 Living in Holiness
- #3 Living in Newness
- #4 Living in submission to authorities and masters
- #5 Honoring each other in marriage and the church



# LIVING AS EXILES

Biblical definition of marriage is:

'one man and one women in a covenant that is consummated'

(This excludes gay marriage, polygamy and cohabitation)



# MARRIAGE IS NOT ABOUT YOU

"Marriage is about two people living life together to reflect the Gospel, helping each other to become more like Jesus" – Tim Keller

"Marriage is about displaying the Gospel" – John Piper

"God's first purpose for marriage is to reflect His image" – [Christianfamilylife.com](http://Christianfamilylife.com)



# MARRIAGE IS NOT ABOUT YOU

The Biblical marriage is about:

1. Reflecting God's image
2. To display the Gospel
3. Helping each other to become more like Jesus



# 1 PETER 3:1-7

1 Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they see your respectful and pure conduct. 3 Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear—



# 1 PETER 3:1-7

4but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. 5For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, 6as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord.



# 1 PETER 3:1-7

And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening. 7Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.





# RESPECTING AND HONORING

The main message is:

- For women to subject and respect their husbands
- For husbands to live in an understanding way with their wives, honoring them



# THEN AND NOW

Then: mainly chauvinistic culture: man ruled, used/abused women and very domineering

Now: chauvinism (men still use and abuse women) but also feminism



# WORLDLY CHAUVINISM AND FEMINISM

The world tells us that women are valuable when:

- They are beautiful
- Successful



# THE BIBLE SAYS: VS. 3-6

The Bible tells us that:

- Their value does not depend on their outer looks (vs. 3)
- Also not on their worldly success (vs. 4)
  - Put your Hope on God, not on looks or worldly success (vs. 5-6)



# THE RESULTS OF WORLDLY CHAUVINISM AND FEMINISM

The possible results of chauvinism and feminism:

- Chauvinist married with a doormat
- A coward married with a feminist
- A chauvinist married to a feminist = always fighting
- We really need the Biblical model!



# A SHOOTING AND A SINKING SHIP

Colorado theater  
shooting July 20, 2012



Costa Concordia Jan. 13,  
2012



# THE MEANING OF RESPECTING AND HONORING

- You can't respect the one who will not love and protect you
- You can't be honoring a person by sacrificing them to save yourself



# HONORING OUR WIVES VS. 7

To honor is "to admonish, to cherish, to celebrate, to care for, to treasure, to adore, to value, to love, to respect"





# HOW TO HONOR YOUR WIFE IN AN UNDERSTANDING WAY

- Spiritually
- Physically
- Emotionally/relationally
- Verbally
- Financially
- Technologically



# SHOWING RESPECT VS. 1-2

To respect is "to notice, regard, honor, prefer, defer to, encourage, love, and admire"

- And who knows, you might even win you r husband for Christ



# SHOWING RESPECT VS. 1-2

Three areas to show respect for your husband:

- Respectful thoughts
- Respectful words
- Respectful help/support



# WHAT SUBMISSION DOES AND DOES NOT MEAN

NOT that:

- Husband has ultimate power
- Women don't have independent thoughts
- Wives don't seek to influence husband
- Wives must obey husbands command to sin
- A women is less intelligent or competent than husband

BUT that:

- Husband and wife are equal but complementary
- Wives submit like Jesus in Gethsemane
- Husbands lead like Jesus, sacrificially
- A single women should only marry a man she can follow
- The Christian marriage reflects the Trinity and the Gospel



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# 1 PETER 3:8-12

8Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. 9Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.



# 1 PETER 3:8-12

10For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; 11let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. 12For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."



# THE UPSIDE DOWN REALITY IN THE CHURCH

Love, care, unity

vs.

Chaos, cruelty, division and selfishness

Why? Because we submit to God!

