

April 14, 2024
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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1 Peter 3:1-6

“Stand Up & Stand Out”
“Submission in the Home – Part 1”

- I. Foundation: God’s Provision of Salvation (1:1-12)
- II. Exhortation: Our Response to So Great a Salvation (1:13-5:14)
 - A. Sanctification (1:13-2:12) – The BEAUTY of Holiness
 - B. **Submission** (2:11-3:12)
 - 1. In Society (2:11-17)
 - 2. In the Workplace (2:18-25)
 - 3. **In the Home (3:1-7)**
 - a. **Wives (1-6)**
 - 1) **What (1)** – “be submissive to your own husbands...”
 - 2) **Why (1)** – “so that even if any *of them* are disobedient to the word, they may be won...”
 - 3) **How (1-6)**
“...without a word by the behavior of their wives, as they observe...”

...your chaste and respectful behavior.

Your adornment must not be *merely* external – braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses;

But *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.

⁵ For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands;

⁶ just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord,

...and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.

Discussion & Application:

1. Share a story of a professing Christian who submitted to authority in the **workplace**, and how it impacted their testimony for Christ. Or share a story of a professing Christian who was not submissive in the workplace and how it impacted their witness for Christ. How is your attitude toward authority in the workplace? [Note: if you are a boss, share how you are making it easier for your employees to submit to your authority.]
2. Does submission to a person in authority over you mean that they are better than you or that you are inferior to them? Read Gal. 3:28. Does spiritual equality in Christ mean that no one is in authority over anyone else? What does the Bible say about these things? (See Cor. 11:3)
3. What does it mean for a wife to **submit** to her husband? To what degree and with what attitude should she submit to his authority? (See Eph. 5:22; Col. 3:18)
4. Why do people fight against what God says about authority & submission in the home? What legitimate concerns might they have? What **exceptions** are there to a wife submitting to her husband? How would you counsel a woman to respond to her husband if any of those exceptions happen? What are some ungodly ways a woman might choose not to submit to her husband? What are some godly ways? Discuss specific things a woman could say.
5. When Peter says that a submissive wife's husband might be **WON WITHOUT A WORD**, is he saying that she shouldn't share the gospel with him or tell him what Jesus is doing in her life? If not, what is his point?
6. What is **chaste and respectful behavior**? Why is that so hard? How does a woman of God develop those character qualities / behaviors? How might other godly women help? (See Titus 2)
7. Is Peter saying that godly women shouldn't braid their hair, wear jewelry, or put on dresses? What is his point?
8. How do ladies adorn themselves in the **hidden person of the heart**? What spiritual disciplines help? How does a husband see those hidden things?
9. What is a **gentle and quiet spirit**? Why is it **imperishable**? Why is it so **precious** to God?
10. Peter uses women in former times as an example of what he is saying. What are the **characteristics** of those women? What Old Testament examples come to mind besides Sarah?
11. Peter specifically points out **Sarah** and he uses the word "**obeyed**" instead of "submitted." What is the connection between the two words? What does it mean that she obeyed Abraham calling him **lord**? Is he saying that all women should call their husbands lord? If not, what is the point?
12. What **fears** (terrors) might go through a wife's mind as she contemplates doing what Peter says in these 6 verses? How can she overcome those fears? How is Sarah an example of someone who did? How might older godly women help younger women live this way?
13. Why does God want us to live this way in our homes? How is it ultimately for our good and His glory?
14. **Memorize 1 Peter 3:1-6.**