

April 21, 2024
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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1 Peter 3:7

“Stand Up & Stand Out”
“Submission in the Home – Part 2”

- 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)
 - b. **Husbands (7)** – You husbands in the same way, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

So what?

Discussion & Application:

1. What has God been teaching you about submitting to authority? Why is it important to God that we do this? What impact can / does this have on evangelism? How is it related to a proper understanding of God's sovereignty? How does that help us overcome the fears associated with submitting to authorities that aren't godly?
2. In 1 Peter 3:7, Peter tells the husbands, "**in the same way...**" What does that mean? Is Peter telling the husbands that they should submit to their wives? Does the Bible tell husbands to submit to his wives? Does Eph. 5:21 say every believer should submit to every believer? If not, what does it mean?
3. What is significant about the words "**live with**"? Does that simply mean to reside at the same address? What are the implications of those words in the kind of relationship the husband is to have with his wife? List the negative (what it doesn't mean) and the positive (what it does mean). Discuss ways you could improve the way you "live with" your spouse (or parents, siblings, etc.).
4. "**...in an understanding way**" could also be translated "with understanding" or "**according to knowledge.**" What biblical truth should a husband know about women / wives in general? What should he know about his wife specifically? What are the best ways to learn these things about her? How long will this take? Why is this important? How is this a blessing both to him and to her?
5. What is Peter saying about women being **weaker**? In what ways is a woman weaker? In what ways is a woman not weaker? What would this have meant to a husband in the first century Greco-Roman world? What would this have meant as persecution was on the rise? How should an awareness of the differences between men and women impact the way a husband treats his wife?
6. Peter says a husband should "**show honor**" to his wife. "**Show**" means to give her what she is due. "**Honor**" is the state of being highly revered (put her on a pedestal). What are some opposites of showing honor? What are some practical ways a husband can show honor to his wife?
7. Peter says that women are a "fellow heir of the grace of life" with their husbands. Scholars differ on what "**grace of life**" means. What are some possible meanings? For each possible meaning, what would some implications be for the husband? Which meaning do you think is the best option? Why?
8. What does it mean that prayers could be "**hindered**" if a husband doesn't treat his wife this way? What are some reasons why God would not listen to or positively answer our prayers? (See Ps. 66:18; John 9:31; Job 27:7-9; Prov. 1:28-29)
9. Husbands and wives should **pray** with and for one another. What are some best practices you have seen or developed for a married couple to pray together regularly?
10. If a believing husband has an unbelieving wife and he treats her this way, how would it reenforce the gospel message he has been sharing with her? If a believing husband has a believing wife, how would treating her this way impact his gospel witness to his children, neighbors, relatives, etc.?
11. Spend time **praying** for married couples at The Bridge to apply the truths in 1 Peter 3:1-7. Ask him to make you an encouragement to other married couples in the church; especially those that are unequally yoked.
12. **Memorize 1 Peter 3:7.** Meditate on the practical ways you will apply these truths this week.