



# *Epistle of 1 Peter*

## *1 Peter 3:1-4 – Wives Respect your Husbands*

É *1 Peter 3:1,2 – “Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.”*

ó Peter clearly focuses his address on women whose husbands are not Christians.

É Davids ó *∓This is quite a revolutionary attitude for that culture.∅*

ó *Wives may say why likewise (equally or in the same manner)?*

É Does this relate to government, kings, masters, etc. (*1 Peter 2:13-20*)?

É Or, *likewise* as Christ submitted to His Father (*1 Peter 2:21-25*)?

ó A very important question - what does it mean to *be submissive (be in subjection or respect)*?

É Passive tense, thus, a doormat?



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É No, this is what the Lord had designed from the beginning! We don't need to ask why: this is His principle!

ó *Gen 3:16 - To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; **Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.**"*

» And we men have failed our spiritual responsibilities here!

ó *hypotasso (to submit, arrange under) has in view the maintenance of God's willed order.*

ó *Gordon Dutille ó "This word may denote either voluntary or forced behavior, but not any sense of inferiority."*

É *McCalley ó 'positive response to designated authority.'*

ó *Titus 2:5 - discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.*

É *Constable ó 'Should a Christian wife **submit** to her husband even if he directs her to sin? Some evangelicals answer yes and appeal to Eph 5:24 for support. Others say no but argue that submission should extend to everything (pas) except sin.'*

ó *Col 3:25 - **But he who does wrong** will be repaid for what he has done, and **there is no partiality.***



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É *Even if some do not obey the word.*

ó *if* in Greek is a first class conditional and refers to a fulfilled condition.

ó For husbands, what does it mean to *not obey the word*?

É *Present active indicative* – us guys were doing this.

É Wuest - "Obey not" is the translation of a word which speaks of a state of unbelieving disobedience. The word means literally in its verb form, "not to allow one's self to be persuaded."

ó I was one of these people, were any of you guys?

É *they, without (a) word* – no word spoken by the wife!

ó What does it mean for wives *to win husbands by the conduct of their wives*?

É *may be won* – *passive subjunctive, gain or acquire* - here salvation!

É Is this pounding the Gospel home or living the new life in Christ Jesus?

ó If not, what does this look like?

ó *when they observe your chaste conduct*

É What is *chaste conduct*?



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ó *chaste* means to excite reference

- » *1 Tim 4:12 - Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in **conversation**, in **charity**, in spirit, in faith, in **purity**.*
- » *1 Peter 1:15 - but as He who called you is holy, you also **be holy in all your conduct**,*

ó *accompanied by fear*

É *fear* here indicates reverence

ó *2 Cor 7:1 - having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, **perfecting holiness in the fear of God.***

É ***1 Peter 3:3,4 – “Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel — rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.”***

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É This is an imperative verb, so then how should you women or even us men interpret this?

ó *adornment is kosmos*

- » Here the term means ornament or decoration (cosmetics), but don't you find the other meaning of this term interesting in context?
- » What appeals to the world system or the flesh is often quite different than that which appeals to the Lord.

ó *plaiting of the hair* - an elaborate gathering of the hair into knots which was particularly common for Roman women of that time.

- » Wuest ó *'What the Word of God forbids the Christian woman is a conspicuous, extravagant, intricate artificiality in the manner of wearing the hair.'*

ó *wearing gold* - the act of putting around.

ó *putting on fine apparel* – outward apparel

ó **Where's the law here?**

- » **And if there's no law, what's the alternative?**
- » *1 Tim 2:9.10 - in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.*

ó *rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the*



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*incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit,*

É *Psalm 104:1,2 - O Lord my God, You are very great: You are **clothed with honor and majesty, Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment, Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain.***

É This is incorruptible by position and represents the exchanged life!

ó *Rom 12:1,2 - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And **do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.***

É Describe a gentle (meek) and quiet spirit.

ó *Matt 11:29 - “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for **I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.***

ó *which is very precious in the sight of God.*

É Why is this so very precious in the sight of the Lord?

ó *1 Cor 6:20 - For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in **your body.***