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Today's verses

- ¹ In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any *of them* are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,
- ² as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.
- ³ Your adornment must not be *merely* external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses;
- ⁴ 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.

God's Organization of the Family* - 1 Cor 11:2-16, Col 3:20

God

- Sovereign – subordinate to no one
- Authority over Christ

Christ [incarnate son of God]

- Subordinate to God the Father
- Authority over husband

Husband

- Subordinate to Christ
- Authority over wife and children

Wife

- Subordinate to husband [a Helper/Counterpart]
- Derived Authority from husband over children

Children

- Subordinate to parents

one flesh:
a unity of
purpose,
focus,
interest,
sympathy
with
different
viewpoints³

* Hal Molloy

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In the same way – refers back to previous admonitions:

- admonitions regarding the government, your masters and of our Savior
- 1 Peter 2:13 **Submit yourselves** for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority,
- 1 Peter 2:18 Servants, **be submissive** to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.
- 1 Peter 2:23b but kept **entrusting** Himself [Son] to Him [Father] who judges righteously.

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be submissive – *hypotassō* - primarily a military term, "to rank under" (hypo, "under," tassō, "to arrange")

to your own husbands

- This is to be God's order in a Christian family.
- This is the special relationship that exists between husband and wife [both have responsibilities].
- Eph 5:22 Wives, *be subject* to your own husbands, **as to the Lord**.
- Col 3:18 Wives, be subject to your husbands, **as is fitting in the Lord**.

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so that – with a purpose that

even if – assumed to be true

any of them – speaking of the husbands

are disobedient - *apeitheō* - to refuse to be persuaded,
to refuse to believe

- literally - it's not to allow one's self to be persuaded*
- John 3:36 He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

to the word [God's Word]

* Wuest

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What does this mean?

- as we will see - since they [unbelieving husbands] are disobedient they have not believed on Christ as their Savior
- so we have what is called a “mixed marriage” believing wife and unbelieving husband
- but the instruction to the wife still is the same even though the husband is not a believer
- what follows is God’s plan for bringing her husband to Christ:

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they [husbands] will be gained [won] without a word
through [by] the wives' behavior

Interlinear

without a word – since the husband is disobedient to the Word, God says it will be her behavior that He will use
behavior - *anastrophe* – “manner of life” or “lifestyle”

- 1 Peter 2:12a Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that --- they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God ---
- The wives' focus is to be her behavior, not so much what she says to her husband.

² as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.
having observed *your pure conduct of you in fear* Interlinear

[husband] *having observed* – *epopteuō* - from *epi* "upon,"
and a form of *horaō*, "to see,"

- is used of witnessing as a spectator or inspector
- the idea is repeated observation events by the husband

pure – *hagnos* - free from defilement, not contaminated
(from the same root as *hagios*, "holy"),

conduct – *anastrophe* – "manner of life" or "lifestyle"

- instead of showing disrespect for her husband, she is to show respect

Merryman

in fear – lit: reverential fear

- It's the same respect we have toward God. Merryman
- 1 Peter 2:17 Honor all people, love the brotherhood,
fear God, honor the king.

³ Your adornment **must not be** *merely* external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses;

Your adornment – is not the way to win your husband!

adornment - *kosmos* - a harmonious or orderly arrangement

- 1 Tim 2:9 Likewise, I want women to **adorn** themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments.

must not be or let not be

merely external - *exōthen* – outwardly *only*

- **braiding the hair, wearing gold jewelry, putting on dresses**
- same three as in 1 Tim 2:9
- Peter was not telling wives to refrain from giving attention to their physical appearances.*
- His point was that this should not be their total or primary concern.*

⁴ 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.

but – in contrast to external adornment

- This is to be the focus of a Christian wife toward her unbelieving husband.

you let it [adoring] *be*

the hidden person of the heart – this is what matters!!

hidden - *kruptós* - the secret person of the heart; means the internal person.

- The hidden person of the heart is what Paul calls the new man [not I but Christ] Merryman
- 2 Cor 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

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with the or by the

- so Peter will now describe the qualities of this “hidden person”

imperishable quality of

imperishable - *aphthartos* - not liable to corruption or decay, incorruptible

- the hair, the gold jewelry and the dresses are corruptible items
- but the “hidden person” is imperishable
- Matt 6:20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal.

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a gentle and quiet spirit [two qualities of the hidden person]

gentle spirit - *praus* - denotes gentle, mild, meek

- Matt 11:29a Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am **gentle** and humble in heart.

quiet spirit - *hēsychios* – quiet, tranquil, undisturbed from without

- tranquility arising from within, causing no disturbance to others
- 1 Tim 2:2 [pray] for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and **quiet** life in all godliness and dignity.

which is precious [costly] **in the sight of God**