

Wives and Husbands - 1 Peter 3:1-7

Topics:

Appearance, Attitude, Beauty, Believe, Doctrine, God, Husbands, Marriage, Obedience, Partnerships, Purity, Self-esteem, Submission, Unbelievers, Wives

Open It Questions

- A. What examples would you point to in our society to illustrate our obsession with outward appearance?

- B. How have the roles of a husband and wife changed in the last 50 years?

- C. What do you think is good and bad about the changes in male and female roles over the last 50 years?

Explore It Questions

1. How did Peter instruct wives to act toward their husbands? (3:1)

2. Why did Peter encourage wives to submit to their husbands?
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3. What qualities can a believing wife use to witness to an unbelieving husband? (3:1-2)

4. What kinds of beauty can a woman have? (3:3-4)

5. What is a disadvantage of a woman's outward beauty? (3:3-6)

6. What is the advantage of a woman's inward beauty? (3:4-6)

7. How can a godly woman make herself beautiful? (3:5)

8. What example did Peter set forth for wives to follow? (3:6)

9. How did Peter instruct husbands to act toward their wives? (3:7)

10. Why should husbands treat their wives with respect? (3:7)

Get It Questions

11. How would you reply to the challenge that Peter's instructions are outdated and don't apply in today's world?

12. How are the responsibilities of wives and husbands different?

13. Why is it easier to be beautiful on the outside rather than on the inside?

14. How can someone develop inner beauty as Peter described?

15. What does it mean to be submissive to another person? What does it not mean?

16. How are we heirs to the gracious gift of life?

17. How might the way a man treats his wife hinder his prayers?

18. Why is the husband-wife relationship so important?

19. How do you need to change the way you treat your spouse?

20. What are some steps every spouse can take to honor his or her partner?

Apply It Questions

21. What specific steps will you take this week to develop your inner character?

22. What can you do today to become a better spouse?

Adult Questions for LESSONMaker.

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Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15 KJV).

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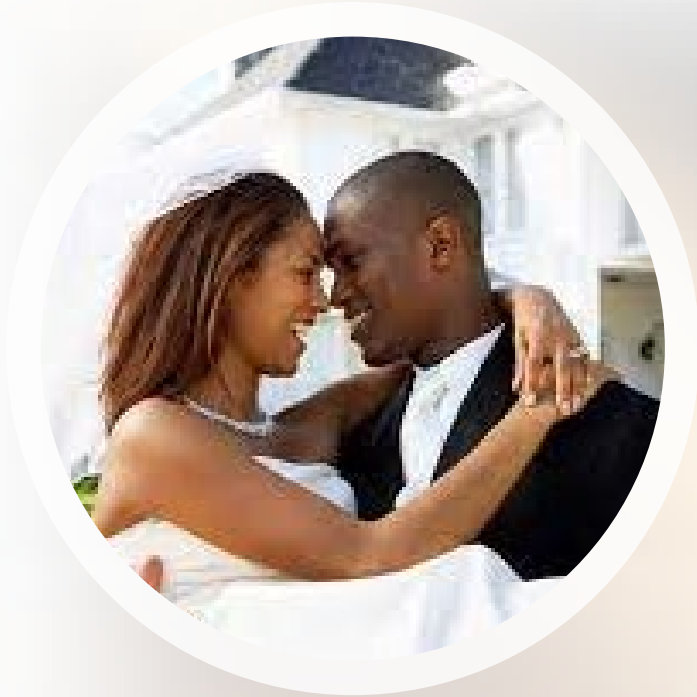
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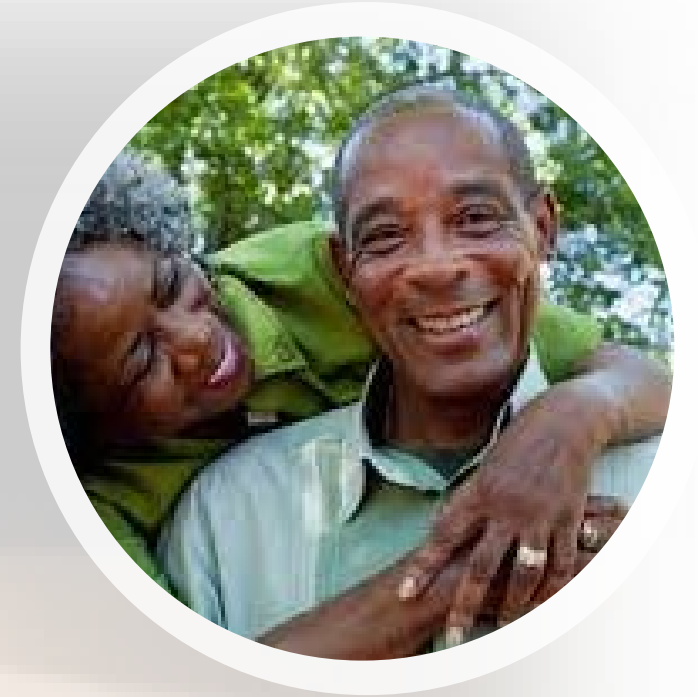
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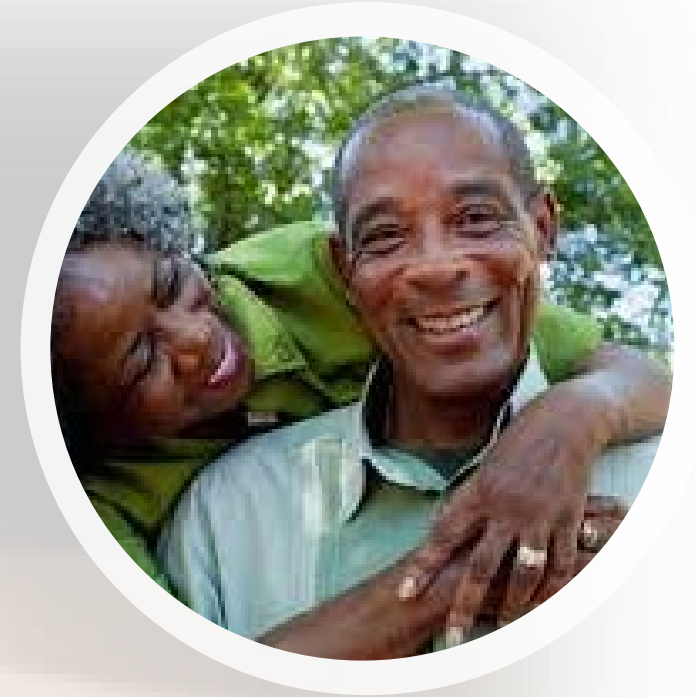
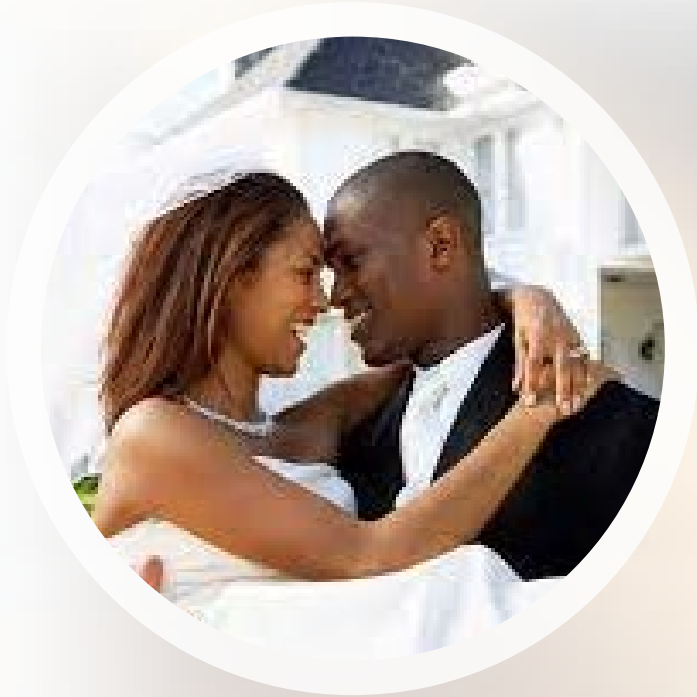


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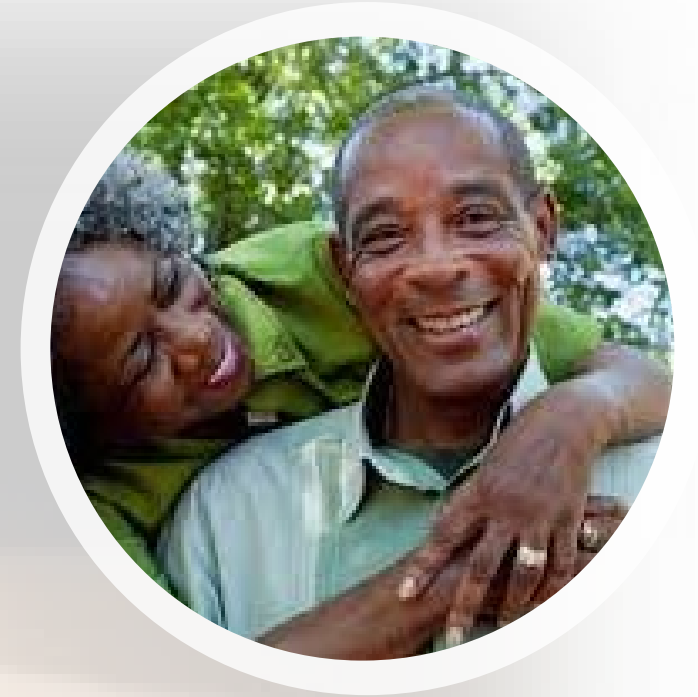
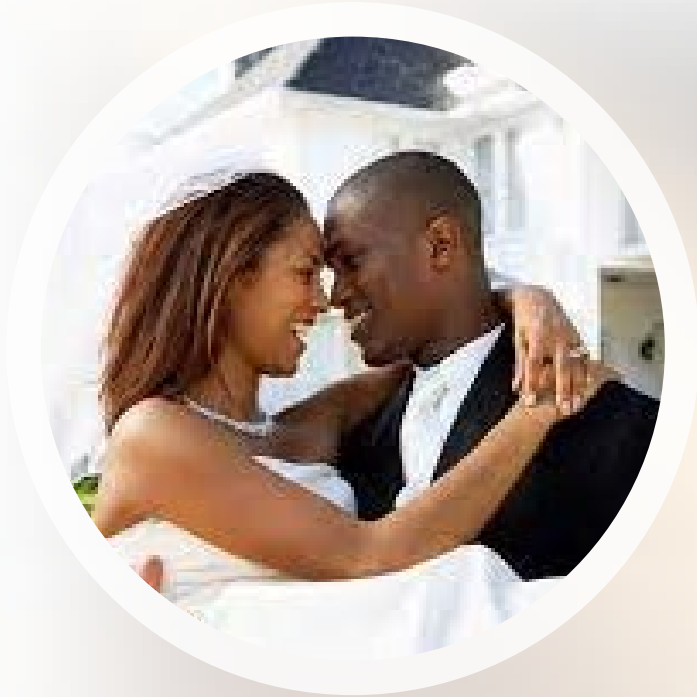
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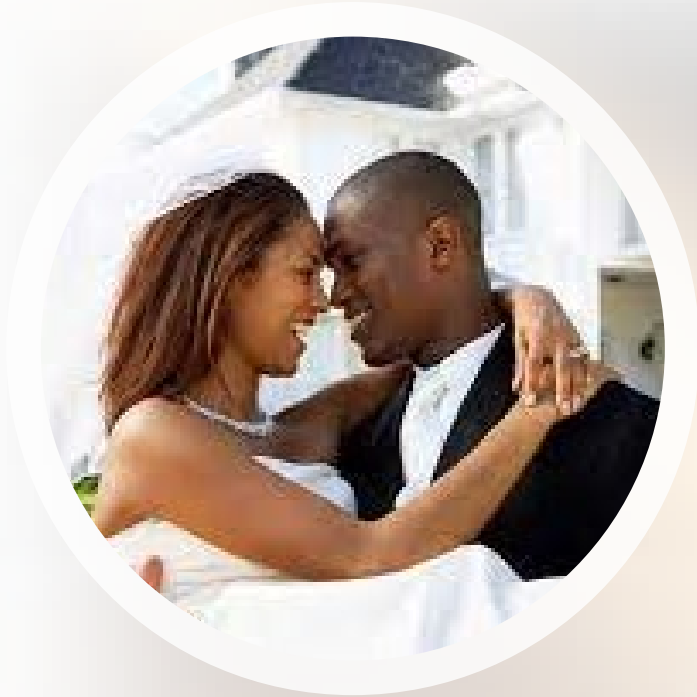
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INTRODUCTION

In 2:11-25, Peter had explained that the believers needed to act in an exemplary [model, excellent, ideal, admirable] manner before the unbelieving world. He told them to be subject to authority (2:13) and then described two areas of that authority: citizens to the government (2:13-17) and slaves/servants to masters (2:18-20). In these verses he added wives to husbands (3:1-7). Anarchy [disorder, chaos, lawlessness, or rebellion] results if there is no authority. As Christians, we should not rebel against authority, but work within the system and serve God.



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3:1-4 (NLT)

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We are continuing with Peter’s teaching of being subject to an authority for the sake of Christ. He’s already told us that we are to be subject to governing authorities, to our masters/employers and today he addresses Christian wives and Christian husbands.

Context is always vital, and today it is extremely important. As we work our way through this lesson, remember that Peter is writing to Christians who are living in the middle of a very large Roman empire that is often hostile to Christians. So, Peter’s words here are written to encourage Christians not to disengage from society but, in fact, to live in the midst of a pagan world and influence it where it can be influenced.



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In the ancient world when Christianity was beginning to take hold in and around the Roman Empire, there developed an interesting phenomenon that faced many new believers. How were the new converts supposed to relate to their spouses who may or may not be Christians?



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The dynamic here is that both husband and wife are lost and then one gets saved. How are they to relate to one another and to the society at large? Are these 1st Century commands meant to be *prescriptive* and applicable in the 21st Century?



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OUTLINE

- I. Godly Wives’ Attitudes and Actions
(vv. 3:1-2)
- II. Godly Wives’ Adornment and Attraction
(vv. 3:3-6)
- III. Godly Husbands’ Attitudes and Actions
(v. 3:7)



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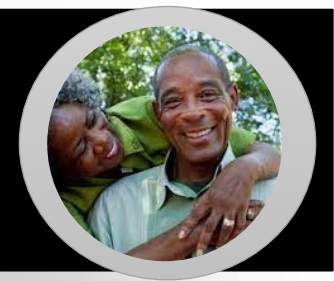


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II. GODLY WIVES' ADORNMENT AND ATTRACTION (vv. 3:3-6)



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5. What is a disadvantage of relying on outward beauty? (3:3-6)

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See Prov. 31:30



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Proverbs 31:30

³⁰ Charm and grace are deceptive, and beauty is vain [because it is not lasting], but a woman who reverently and worshipfully fears the Lord, she shall be praised!

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III. GODLY HUSBANDS' ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS (vv. 3:7)



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6. What is the advantage of a woman’s inward beauty? (3:4-5)

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*KJV “lord” Gen. 18:12



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APPLY IT QUESTIONS

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Next Week's Bible Study

Wednesday,
September 14,
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NO IN-PERSON
Bible Study



1 Peter 3:8-22

“Suffering for Doing Good”

Wednesday,
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@7:00pm Virtual
via ZOOM

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Pastoral Search Prayer Service

Friday, September 16, 2022

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Location: New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

23455 W. Nine Mile Road

Southfield, Michigan

In-person and Live-streamed

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