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**<sup>1</sup> Wives, in the same way, submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, even if some disobey the [Christian] message, they may be won over without a message by the way their wives live,**

**<sup>2</sup> when they observe your pure, reverent lives.**

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**<sup>3</sup> Your beauty should not consist of outward things [like] elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold ornaments or fine clothes;**

**<sup>4</sup> instead, [it should consist of] the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very valuable in God's eyes.**

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**<sup>5</sup> For in the past, the holy women who hoped in God also beautified themselves in this way, submitting to their own husbands,**

**<sup>6</sup> just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. You have become her children when you do good and aren't frightened by anything alarming.**

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1 Peter 3:1-7 (HCSB)

**<sup>7</sup> Husbands, in the same way, live with your wives with understanding of their weaker nature yet showing them honor as co-heirs of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered. Do No Evil**

# 1. Wives, Understand Your Marriage

<sup>a</sup> Wives, in the same way, **submit yourselves**

The word “submit” (*hupotassomenai*) means just what it says—to submit oneself.

The word means that a Christian wife is to place herself under the authority and control of her husband; that she is to submit herself to her own husband's authority and leadership.

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Purity of/in the marriage is key to a lasting relationship.

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<sup>c</sup> when they observe your pure, **reverent lives.**

The wife is to submit herself out of her fear and reverence for God.

To fear God means that the wife stands in awe and reverence of all that God is.

It is this fear and reverence that makes her submit herself to her husband.

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<sup>d</sup> (NIV) Your beauty should not come from **outward adornment**,

The word "adorn" means the dress, ornaments, and arrangement of clothing upon the body; but the word also refers to behavior and demeanor, that is, the way a woman carries herself, walks, moves, and behaves in public.

**Act and dress modestly.**

# 1. Wives, Understand Your Marriage

**Wives, how do you move from desperation to delight in the home?**

- **Submit to God's authority and your husband's God given role in the marriage.**
- **Be faithful to God and your husband.**
- **Adorn your self as according to God's standards, not the world's.**
- **Reach your husband with your inner (spiritual) beauty.**

## 2. Husbands, Understand Your Wife

<sup>7</sup> Husbands, **in the same way,**

- Husbands in the same way are to be pure in their marriage.
- Their dress, their adornment, their actions and the way they conduct themselves should be in thought of his role and his wife.

## 2. Husbands, Understand Your Wife

- <sup>b</sup> live with your wives with understanding
- Peter did not tell the wife to understand her husband, but the demand is upon the husband to understand his wife and his role...
- Use your knowledge and wisdom to make the right decisions.
- The demand is greater on the husband, so will be the responsibility and judgment.

## 2. Husbands, Understand Your Wife

**c showing them honor** as co-heirs of the grace of life,

- The word "honor" (*timēn*) means to value; to esteem; to prize; to count as precious.
- A husband is to count his wife as a precious gem, as a prize of extreme value.
- He is to highly esteem her, set her up on a pedestal before his very eyes.

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# GODLY HOMES

**We move from desperate to  
Godly when we submit our  
marriages to the Lord.**

**HOME SWEET HOME**