

Family Matters

First Peter 3:1-4

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The Biblical concept of submission has been often misunderstood, misquoted, and abused. God calls for an orderly structure for the home not to create conflict but on the contrary to create order. Therefore, He gives clear direction as to what the submission of the wife is and what it is not.

The submissive wife is in no way INFERIOR to her husband. V.1a

- Submission is not about WORTH or VALUE.
- Submission is not about being ABUSED.
- Submission is WILLINGLY acknowledging the husband's God-given leadership role.
- Submission is knowing when to offer COUNSEL and when to SUPPORT his decision.
- Jesus is the ULTIMATE EXAMPLE of submission in His relationship with the Father.

The submissive wife has a powerful TESTIMONY and INFLUENCE. Vv.1b-2

- Certainly, to the husband who is a BELIEVER
 - But also to the husband who is an UNBELIEVER
- It is her CHRIST-LIKE lifestyle that can lead her husband to Jesus.

The submissive wife is submissive to Jesus' PRIORITIES for her life. Vv.3-4

- Hairstyling, jewelry, and stylish clothing are NOT FORBIDDEN. V.3
- Rather, Peter is teaching that true beauty is a result of an INTIMATE WALK with Jesus which produces gentleness. V.4