

Living in Exile:
“Christians and Marriage: Marks of a Christian Husband”
I Peter 3:1-7

I Peter 3:1-7 *Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct. Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear - but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening. Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.*

Mark #1: Love that shows mutual submission.

I Peter 3:7 *Likewise, husbands ...*

Ephesians 5:21 *submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.*

I Peter 2:12 *Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.*

Application: Sacrifice

Ephesians 5:23 *For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.*

Ephesians 5:25 *Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,*

Mark #2: Love that pursues intimacy.

I Peter 3:7 *... Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way ...*

Application: Study

Ephesians 5:31-33 *“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself*

Mark #3: Love that seeks to honor.

I Peter 3:7 ... *Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life*

Application: Care

Ephesians 5:26-30 *that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.*

Colossians 3:19 *Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.*

“Eve was not taken out of Adam's head to top him, neither out of his feet to be trampled on by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected by him, and near his heart to be loved by him.”

- **Matthew Henry**

Why is it important for a husband to love his wife?

-Unhindered prayer.

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Application: Forgiveness.