

Epistle of 1 Peter Bible Study Lesson 10

1 Peter 3:1-7 Questions

Winning an Unsaved Spouse

Pray for the Lord to guide you through this study time. Read 1 Peter 3:1-7.

1. In verse one Peter begins this context with 'In the same way'. What could Peter be referring to? For help look at 1 Peter 2:13, 17-18, 21-25

2. Describe what this type of submission is like? Is it out of compliance, or out of devotion? Do we submit for our own sake (1 Peter 2:13)?

During the first-century Greco-Roman culture, women received little or no respect. Society regarded them as mere servants who were to stay at home and obey their husbands. According to Roman law fathers were granted ultimate life-and-death authority over their children, husbands had a similar kind of legal authority over their wives. If a wife were to become a Christian without her husband, she could most likely shame him and her action would be viewed as an act of defiance against him. The husband could do as he pleased with or without his wife. The Holy Spirit directed Peter to write this passage to us for 'the Lord's sake', but also because there was a great concern for the Christian women of the church whose everyday life could be very difficult living with an unbelieving husband.

3. What value does God put on His Creation and Christ's Church? How does God's value compare with man's value of people? Psalm 139:13-18; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14; Galatians 3:26-28; Colossians 3:10-11

4. From 1 Peter 3:1-4 Fill in Peter's counsel to wives.

Be _____ to your _____ husbands so that even if any of them are _____ to the _____, they may be _____ without a _____ by your _____, as they _____ your _____ and _____ behavior. Your _____ must not be _____ ---braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; but _____ the _____ person of the _____, with the _____ quality of a _____ and _____ spirit, which is _____ In the sight of _____.

5. Look up these Scriptures and write down how they are the same or different from 1 Peter 3:1-6.

a. 1 Corinthians 14:34-35 _____

b. Ephesians 5:22, 24 _____

c. 1 Timothy 2:9-15 _____

d. Titus 2:3-5 _____

During the first-century wives obeyed the apostles' teaching for their own welfare do to the current law of the land, and too for the Lord's sake. Today we do not have the same law or culture restraints that demand women in our society to be silent and not be heard. The amazing thing about God and His Word is that it stands the test of time, and is still applicable today because man's heart has not changed. God is all about redeeming the lost, drawing people to Himself through His Son Jesus Christ.

6. Who's is perfect at submitting to a headship and leadership, but at the same time keep and maintain their own roles of responsibility? 1 Corinthians 8:6; 1 Corinthians 11:3; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Ephesians 1:17; 1 Peter 1:2

7. When did God institute headship and authority for His Creation? Genesis 1:26-30, 2:19-25; 1 Corinthians 11:8-9

8. Peter calls us to trust our Savior Jesus Christ, the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls as we walk in obedience to these truths for the Lord's sake, and too that husbands may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives (1 Peter 3:1). Write out your thoughts and how you would implement these truths.

a. Wives be submissive to your own husband. Did Jesus submit to His Father? Philippians 2:5-11

b. Have a pure and respectful behavior to your own husband. Our union in marriage is a reflection of Christ and His Church (His Bride). We can see in Ephesians 5:21-33 the roles of the husband and wife are different, why?

c. Let your adornment be (internal) the hidden person of the heart, with imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit. How can you have a quiet spirit and a peaceful heart when nothing is going right, or when you're surrounded by difficult circumstances or people? Peter says with imperishable or incorruptible qualities. What may these be? Psalm 16:11; Psalm 43:5; Psalm 139:23-24; Psalm 143:8, 10; Philippians 4:5-9; James 3:17

9. In 1 Peter 3:5-6 Peter uses examples of the holy women in former times and also Sarah to affirm obedience to godly submission. What was the focus of these holy women? Were their hearts set on the imperishable and incorruptible? Look up the following Scriptures to help you with your answer. Write down your favorite one. Psalm 62:5-8; Jeremiah 14:22; Romans 15:13

10. Peter gives three responsibilities to the husband to care for his wife's needs. Examine each one then write down ways you can help him to live them out.

a. Husbands be considerate of your wife. An understanding way speaks of being sensitive and considering the wife's deepest physical and emotional needs. Ephesians 5:25-28

b. Husbands should be chivalrous (gallant, loyal, valiant, brave) for their wife, realizing her physical body generally is not as strong. Ephesians 5:23, 25-26

c. Husbands should be a companion for their wife. Marriage, 'heirs of the grace of life', is the true and intimate friendship that belongs only to those who are possessors of God's most blessed gift in this life. Ephesians 5:30-33
