

*Likewise ye wives* (3:1)...

*Likewise ye husbands*(3:7)...

*ye should follow his steps* (2:21).

## How to Have a Happy Home

### 1 PETER CHAPTER 2-3

Verses 2:19-3:12

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#### WHY DO CHRISTIANS CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE IN THEIR RELATIONSHIPS?

1. Not from a lack of hearing the preaching of God's Word. They've received the biblical instructions for a happy life.
2. It's because they don't BELIEVE what they heard preached. They don't believe God.
  - a. They have already decided which parts of the Bible to agree with and which parts to ignore.
  - b. They have their own opinions and desires. If God's Word differs from that, the preaching doesn't have any effect. (Hebrews 4:2).
  - c. If you BELIEVE the Word of God, it will have an effect on you; it will change you. It will help you. (1 Thessalonians 2:13).

#### 1 PETER 2:19-24 REVIEW

1. If you suffer grief wrongfully due to your faith in God, it is thankworthy. (verse 19)
  - a. Christians will have times of suffering and grief. Many just give up during those times.
2. There is no glory in suffering for your faults. But if you suffer for doing well and you take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. (Verse 20).
  - a. If you don't take it patiently, it is not acceptable with God.
3. You were called to suffer because Jesus Christ suffered as an example for us. (verse 21).
  - a. If you follow in Jesus Christ's steps, you will suffer as He did.
4. Jesus' example:
  - a. He did no sin (verse 22)
  - b. He spoke no guile (deviousness, not talking straight, avoiding the truth without necessarily lying).
  - c. When reviled (hateful, disrespectful talk), He took it patiently without retaliation. (verse 23)
  - d. He suffered (physically and emotionally; pain and annoyance), but He made no threats. He committed Himself to God. (verse 23)
  - e. He bore our sins on the cross so we could live righteous lives (verse 24), and continue to follow Him (vs 25).

#### 1 PETER CHAPTER 3: "LIKEWISE YE WIVES (VS. 1);" "LIKEWISE YE HUSBANDS (VS. 7);" (LIKE JESUS CHRIST)

1. Endure grief, suffering wrongfully, take it patiently, don't sin, don't revile when you are reviled, speak the whole truth plainly (no guile), don't threaten when you are mistreated, live unto righteousness.
2. To obey this command from God's Word requires effort and self-denial and sacrifice.
  - a. Most Christians are not willing to pay the price for a happy home.

#### THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF HUSBANDS AND WIVES.

1. Elder women are to train younger women to love their husband and children. (Titus 2:1-5).
  - a. Not only by verbally teaching them, but by their behavior; by their example. They must live it or nobody is going to follow their advice.
2. Christian men have a responsibility to train young men and boys how to live righteous lives, including the treatment of women (Titus 2:6).
  - a. Again, this must be done by example; you must give them a pattern to follow.

## EXCUSES

1. "Yes, I know that's what the Bible says, but my husband..."
2. "Yes, I know that's what the Bible says, but you don't know my wife."
  - a. If you choose to abandon the principles of the Word of God, you will not be able to fix the problems in your relationship/marriage.
  - b. If you think you've found a better way than God's way, you will fail. You will live a miserable life together or you will end up in divorce court.

## BIBLICAL INSTRUCTION ON THE TREATMENT OF OTHERS

1. Romans 12:17. "Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men."
  - a. That includes your husband/wife.
  - b. If you treat your spouse differently in public than you do in private, then you're treating them wrong.
2. Romans 12:18. It is my responsibility to try and keep the peace with others.
  - a. Don't wait for others to make peace with you.
3. Romans 12:19. Don't avenge yourself. Don't get even. Trust God to take care of it.
4. Romans 12:20-21. Overcome evil with good. If you do good when others do bad, you can overcome their desire to do evil deeds.

## FIRST PETER CHAPTER 3

- Verse 1. **Wives**, if your husband does not obey the Word of God, your only chance of winning him is without the Word.
  - He won't listen to you if you try to preach the Bible to him.
    - If you don't have faith in the Word, it cannot have an effect (Heb 4:2).
    - You'll have to live a godly life in order to win him.
- Verse 2. Your husband may not listen to you preach, but he's beholding /watching you.
- Verses 3-4. Your inward adorning (Jesus in your heart) is more important than your outward adornments.
  - A meek and quiet spirit comes from the Spirit of God, not from your will-power.
- Verse 5. Holy women of God were those who trusted in God.
  - They adorned themselves with a meek and quiet spirit toward God.
  - That was manifested in a submissive spirit toward their husbands.
    - If you won't submit to God, you won't submit to your husband.
    - You might submit to a boss for a paycheck, but the command is to submit to your own husband.
- Verse 6. Ladies, don't be afraid to trust God on this issue of submission. Don't be amazed that God would suggest this course of action for you in your relationship. God knows what works.
- Verse 7. **Husbands**, if you honor God, you will obey this command and give honor to your wife and support her.
- Verse 8. "Be ye ALL of one mind." So, the instructions given to the wives also applies to the husbands.
  - Philippians 2:1-2. If you want your home to be a place of consolation, comfort, love, joy, and fellowship, "Be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind."
  - Ephesians 5:21-22. Submit yourselves one to another. Wives submit to your husband.
    - The man must lead the way so the woman can follow.
- Verse 8. Show love, have pity, be courteous to your family members (not just to church members and strangers)
  - Don't take your family for granted. Show some appreciation for them.
- Verses 9-11. Do you want to love life? It's up to you. Don't wait for others to do right. If you do what you are supposed to do, in obedience to God, you will see good days.
- Verse 12. If you treat your husband right; if you treat your wife right, God listens to your prayer and helps you.