

THE SUBJECTION OF WIVES

I PETER 3:1-7

Introduction:

- A. Extremely controversial.
 - 1. E.R.A.
 - 2. "You've come a long way, baby!"

- B. For God's people the Bible will settle it.
 - 1. Lost will ignore.
 - 2. Some saved will refuse it.

I. "LIKEWISE, YE WIVES, BE IN SUBJECTION TO YOUR OWN HUSBANDS.

- A. subjection = readiness to renounce one's own will for the sake of others.
 - 1. No normal body has two heads.
 - 2. Human body, "they twain become one."
 - 3. Church body.

- B. "to your own husbands."
 - 1. May have tendency to obey another man.
 - 2. "fit into your own husbands plans."

II. THE TRULY GODLY WOMAN MAY WIN HER HUSBAND.

- A. By the way she lives.
 - 1. v1.
 - 2. v2.
 - a. "chaste" = pure.
 - 3. Don't seek to divorce a lost husband.
 - a. I Cor. 7:10-

- B. By the values she possesses. v3.
 - 1. adorning = to shape and to polish.
 - 2. plaiting the hair = intertwining of hair in an ornament.

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3. wearing of gold = jewelry.
4. Putting on of apparel = fine dresses.

C. The true ornaments. v4

1. "the imperishable beauty" : "inner loveliness of the heart."
2. "the imperishable jewels of a gentle and quiet spirit."
3. "which in the sight of God is of a rare value."

II. THE TRULY GODLY WOMAN WILL GRACE HER SAVED HUSBAND.

A. "old time, holy women." v5

1. "it was in this way" "in ancient times"
2. "those pious women used to make themselves beautiful and fitted in with their husbands plans."

B. "Even as Sara" v6

1. "Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him, master."
2. "And ye have become Sarah's daughters, if ye do right and let no anxious thoughts disturb you."

C. A special note to preachers wives.

1. Many times preacher quits, not his doing.
2. Women refuse to follow.

III. LIKEWISE, YE HUSBANDS. v7

A. "married men should live considerately with their wives"

1. "conduct your married life with understanding."
2. Love your wives as Christ loved the church.

B. As unto the weaker vessel.

1. weaker = without strength.
2. "sharing the gift of life."
3. "so that your prayers will not suffer interruption."