



Different by Design: Marriage – Part 1

1 Peter 3:1-6

1 Peter 3:1-6 (NIV)

Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight. For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hopes in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

I. The Meaning of Submission

Verse 1 – “Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands...”

1 Corinthians 11:3 (NIV)

Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

- It is Spiritually Redemptive

Verse 1b-2 – “so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.”

- It is Personally Attractive

Verse 3-4 – “Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit...”

- It is Eternally Valuable

Verse 4 – “...which is of great worth in God’s sight.”

II. The Model of Submission

Verse 5-6 – “For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.”