

How To Save Your Spouse

1 Peter 3:1-7

Introduction: Majority of sermons is having a happy marriage, fulfilled marriage. This one is about you and God in your marriage.

I. The Principle of Submission, 1

A. It is good not to marry

Rules for marriage:

wives submit: 1 Pet. 3:1 wives submit (even non Christian)
eps. 5:22, 33 submit, respect

husbands: love, lay down life, nourish/cherish

* Best not to marry: Mt. 19:10, 1 Cor. 7 Paul focused on Christ

B. Marry someone you can love and submit to

Majority life spent w person: spiritually, financially, emotionally

C. What if husband is not Christian?

husbands led family in Roman society:

Acts 16 jailer and family (Acts 18 Crispus and family)

But what if husband was pagan?

If they won't hear it, let them see it.

v. 1 when they see your respectful and pure conduct:

respect: submission, pure: not following into sin

II. The Inner Beauty

A. Peter Emphasizes Christian Action

1 Pt. 2:12 keep conduct among gentiles honorable, so that when they speak of you as evil doers, they may see your good works and glorify God in day of visitation. (Submission

1 Pt. 2:13-17 Submit to civil authorities (deserve? No)

1 Pt. 2:18-25 slaves submit to masters (deserve? No)

1 Pt 3:1-6 wives submit to husbands (deserve? No)

B. Words Without Action Are Useless

Word submit is a military term: commanding officer not inherently superior, but placed over

Husband is head, wife is heart: w/o head dead: more than one is monster

C. Actions

Chaste conduct with fear/respect, v. 2

fear of God...show them what a Christian looks like
sacrificial love, forgiveness, meekness, kindness

Not outward adornment but hidden person of heart, v. 2-3

Don't confuse glamor with beauty, not rebuke adorn
3:3 is practical application of Rom. 12:2: don't conform/be transformed

1 Tim. 2:9-10 women adorn in respectable apparel:
with modesty and self control, not braided hair,
pearls, but with good works show godliness.

1. This internal beauty is imperishable, 4

1 Pt. 1:4 our spiritual inheritance in imperishable
Pro 16:34 Gray hair is crown of glory...what will last?

2. This inner beauty is spiritual, 4

"gentle and quiet spirit" Mt. 11:29 Jesus is gentle and lowly in heart. Cannot tell a person is beautiful until they speak

3. This inner beauty is valuable, 4

v.4 Precious in sight of God. Better to please God than man

Women of the past, v. 5

Sarah: followed Abraham through good and bad.

Even when she sinned (Laughed at God) she respected husband. (Gen. 18:12)

III. Prayers Not Hindered

A. Heirs together of the grace of life

v. 7 Husbands/wives affect spiritually by treatment of spouse
Equality before the Lord, Galatians 3:28. God loves both

B. Influence on the Family

1 Cor. 7:14. IF husband unspiritual, you are even more vital
2 Timothy 1:5 Lois and Eunice, Acts 16:1

C. Making It To Heaven

Don't go there alone. Take your favorite person with you.

