

MARRIAGE LESSONS



1 Peter 3:1-7, ESV – Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, ² when they see your respectful and pure conduct. ³ Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— ⁴ but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious. ⁵ For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, ⁶ as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening. ⁷ Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

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SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of July 12, 2020

1 Peter 3:1-7

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This weekend, we were reminded that men and women have specific roles in a marriage context. How can a wife show her husband honor and respect? How can a husband show his wife honor and respect?
- 2 Peter refers to Sarah's example of being a wife. What is the significance of Peter choosing Sarah as an example? What are some characteristics of Sarah's behavior that can be emulated?
- 3 In verse 7, husbands are told to live with their wives in an understanding way. This phrase literally means "living together according to knowledge." What knowledge is Peter referring to? Where can a man gain this knowledge? How can this knowledge help in showing honor to his wife?

DIGGING DEEPER

A **Colosians 3:17-19, ESV** – ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.

Galatians 3:28-29, ESV - ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

- 4 In 1 Peter 3:7, Peter emphasizes that husbands should act accordingly because “they (wives) are heirs with you of the grace of life.” What does Peter mean by this phrase?
- 5 Looking at the passages above, we read that we are to act accordingly as an act of worship to God. Does this change the way you view your role in the marriage? Explain.
- 6 We are all heirs according to the promise given to Abraham. How does this understanding help you in the way you treat your spouse?
- B **Titus 2:4-8, ESV** – ⁴ and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, ⁵ to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. ⁶ Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. ⁷ Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, ⁸ and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.
- 7 Looking at the passage above, how is the marriage relationship important to others outside of the marriage?
- 8 Not only should a husband and wife behave a certain way in marriage, they should be teaching these things to the next generation. In what ways have you taught the next generation how to live appropriately in marriage? Who in your life can you teach and train to love and respect their spouse?
- 9 How can a Christian marriage be a testimony to nonbelievers? If you are married, how has God used your marriage to reach the lost world?

TAKING IT HOME

Life comes with a variety of relationships and none is more important to God than the marriage relationship. If you are married, what new insight have you learned this week? How are you going to apply this in your marriage? If you are single, what new insight have you learned that can help support the institution of marriage? Share with your group or accountability partner what God is laying on your heart and pray that you will behave in a way that is pleasing to Christ.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Genesis 3:16
1 Corinthians 7:1-16
1 Corinthians 11:2-3, 7-12
Ephesians 5:22-33
1 Timothy 2:9