

1 Peter 3:1-7 – Husbands and Wives**Monnica's & Patricius ...397 BC****1 Peter 3**

- Used to the great strengthening
- Used to destroy

What these verses are NOT saying

- ... do not allow your husband to force you to do something that is illegal
- ... do not allow your husband to force you to do something immoral
- ... do not allow your husband to force you to do anything.
- ... do not take away any legal or biblical recourse

A word to wives – v 1-6

- ... submit to your own husband.
- wonderfully liberating.
- seek to win him over without using words but by your godly behaviour.
- something your offer from a position of strength
- ... beauty should not come from outward appearance.
- misunderstood to think that a wife must dress as blandly or plainly as possible
- What God loves is a change to the character of your inner self

... Inner characteristics

- 'Purity and reverence' (verse 2)
- A 'gentle and quiet spirit' (verse 4)

God's word to husbands – verse 7

Verse 7, "Husbands, be considerate as you live with your wife, treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life."

Husbands do you know your wife?

Two reasons why ...

- a) The wife is the weaker partner (v7)
 - blokes are physically stronger
 - wives are in a weaker position of authority in the house hold.
 - Definitely NOT saying is that wives are weaker spiritually
- b) God will not listen to your prayers.
 - 1 Peter 3:12, ***"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil"***.

A word for both of us

1 Peter 2:11-12 “*Dear Friends, I urge you as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day that he visits us.*”

Misunderstood by our culture

God’s way of valuing each other in marriage is a deeply attractive

It shows ...that God is real and worthwhile following.