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1 Peter 3:1-2 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

- I. When God created man He made them male and female.
 - A. What did God have in mind when He did this?
 - B. The woman was created to be a help to Adam that was suited (meet) to the purpose God had designed.
 - C. She was not fashioned by the hand of God to swing an axe all day, or plow a field with a mule.
 1. She was not equipped by God to carry heavy loads and lift heavy things.
 2. She was not designed or furnished with the necessary strength for fighting enemies and wild beasts that threaten her life and the lives of her children.
 3. Her body is not made to withstand severe physical abuse, neglect, and extremes of heat and cold.
 - D. Her physical body was made smaller and more delicate.
 1. She IS made to bear and nurse a baby.
 2. She IS made to do delicate tasks that a man would fumble all day long with. (Sewing, etc.)
 3. She IS made with an eye for things that are pretty and color-coordinated. ☺
 4. Why did God do this, other than to suit her for a different station in life?
 5. Surely, God made her this way so she would need a man, just as God made a man the way He did so he would need a woman.
 6. What the woman lacks, the man is to provide for.
 7. What the man lacks, the woman is to provide for.
 - E. There is as much difference between the constitution of a woman and that of a man as there is in the physical body.
 1. This can be observed in the smallest of children.
 2. A female by nature has different interests than a male.
 3. She is a nurturer by nature.
 4. He is a conqueror by nature.
 5. Men are interested in power - to build, to move, to destroy.
 6. Women are interested in things that are pretty - and baby animals.
- II. If a woman really wants to be "empowered" she should live according to God's order for her life.
 - A. If she is married she should be in subjection to her husband and fulfill the duties of a wife according to the Word of God.
 1. It is to be an affectionate subjection - not a forced or feigned subjection.
 2. The wife should serve her husband because she loves him, just as we serve Christ because we love Him.
 3. Just as the husband spends his blood and sweat and tears and life's strength to provide for and protect his wife and children.
 4. It is to be coupled with reverence and respect for her husband.

Ephesians 5:33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

- a) One of the great needs of the husband is respect from his wife.
 - b) If she belittles or embarrasses him before others it is the worst thing she can do.
 - c) He needs to know that she thinks he is the greatest man alive and that he has her heart and she belongs only to him.
- B. This matter alone gives her more power than anything else in the universe.
1. That a wife may win her husband to God "without the word" is the only exception given in the Word of God for someone to come to know God without the written Word of God. (although even this way is indirectly by the Word of God.)
 2. When a woman fulfills her role as wife according to the manner God intended when He created the first woman it establishes and empowers her testimony like nothing else mentioned in the Bible.
- C. She can win him with her "chaste conversation."

CHASTE, a.

1. Pure from all unlawful commerce of sexes. Applied to persons before marriage, it signifies pure from all sexual commerce, undefiled; applied to married persons, true to the marriage bed.
2. Free from obscenity. (not vulgar talking or profane)
3. In language, pure; genuine; uncorrupt; free from barbarous words and phrases, and from quaint, affected, extravagant expressions.

CONVERSATION, n.

1. General course of manners; behavior; deportment; especially as it respects morals.
 1. She can win a lost husband with her clean heart and her unwavering faithfulness and devotion to him as her husband.
 2. She can win a lost husband with her good manners, good behavior, good morals, and a heart that is content to be a man's wife.
 3. Not with her preaching.
 4. Not with her nagging.
 5. Not with her manipulating.

III. A woman is foolish to be discontent and rebellious against the fact that she is a woman.

- A. A woman who has such an attitude is classified as a "strange woman" in the Bible and warned against with the strongest language.

STRANGE, a. *L.*

1. Foreign; belonging to another country.
2. **Not domestic; belonging to others.**

B. She is just the opposite of what a wife is designed to be by God.

1. Our Scripture here in 1 Peter describes her this way:

1 Peter 3:3-4 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

2. She should not dress seductively, immodestly, or adorn herself so as to excite the sensual desires of other men.

3. The thing that should arrest the attention of those who see her should not be her physical beauty, but her "meek and quiet spirit" or her beautiful soul, which is the result of Christ living in her heart.
4. A meek and quiet spirit would be void of a hot temper, pride, dishonest lips, and harshness toward others.
5. The "strange woman" is described like this in Proverbs 7:

Proverbs 7:10 And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.

ATTIRE, v.t.

To dress; to array; to adorn with elegant or splendid garments.

HARLOT, n.

1. A woman who prostitutes her body for hire; a prostitute.

6. So it would be completely logical to conclude that the attire of an harlot would be clothes that display part or all of what she is selling, wouldn't it?
7. It is certainly not clothes that show she is chaste and pure and free from obscenity, and faithful to her husband.
8. It is clothes that draw the attention of men and arouse unholy desires.
9. And instead of meek and quiet ...

Proverbs 7:11-12 (She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house: Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.)

10. When God's plan for her is to be like this:

Proverbs 31:26-27 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

11. Instead of being chaste - clean, faithful to her husband, free from obscenity she is described this way in Proverbs 7:

Proverbs 7:16-20 I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt. I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves. For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey: He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed.

12. Of the virtuous wife the Bible says:

Proverbs 31:11-12 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

Proverbs 12:4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

13. Of the strange woman this is what God says:

Proverbs 7:27 Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

14. Of the virtuous wife this is God's reward:

Proverbs 31:28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

Proverbs 31:30-31 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

15. In light of all that the Bible has to say, and what we can observe with our own eyes, it seems very absurd to me that women who do exactly the opposite of what God made them for consider themselves to be empowered.
 16. The virtuous woman is the woman who conforms her life to what God designed her for and she is the one who rules the world and reaps the blessings of many generations – she is the truly empowered woman.
 17. When she is old and her physical beauty and young figure is gone she will still be beautiful because she has lived a life for the things that beautify the soul and spirit.
- C. If we men are inspired by the examples of godly men in the Bible then you ladies should be inspired by the examples of godly women given there.

1 Peter 3:5-6 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.