

A Word to Christian Husbands

(1 Peter 3:7)

III. Introduction:

Embracing the God-ordained husband and wife roles is essential to a healthy, God-honoring marriage

IV. Exposition: A Word to Christian Husbands (1 Peter 3:7)

> Alternate translation (similar to NAS 1977)

"You husbands likewise, dwelling with them according to knowledge, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; rendering honor as to joint-heirs of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered"

A. Exhortation for husbands to love their wives

1. Lead by a servant-like humility

"You husbands likewise" (Eph 5:21; Philip 2:3; 1 Pet 5:5)

- Exhortation to mutual submission

2. Know your wife so you can better minister to her

"Live with them according to knowledge" (gnosis)

i. Know your scriptural duty to love your wife (Eph 5:25ff; Col 3:19)

ii. Know the needs & concerns of your wife

- You are a weak vessel & she is the *"weaker vessel"* (2 Cor 4:7)

3. Honor her as a fellow-heir of the grace of God

"rendering honor as to joint-heirs of the grace of life"

- respect as an equal in the sight of God, not an inferior.
- She is your companion & fellow traveller on the road to the celestial city (Song 5:16).

B. Motivation for the exhortation

"So that your prayers will not be hindered"

- There is a direct relationship between how you treat your wife & your communion with Christ (cf 1 Pet 3:12; 4:7)

IV. Application

1. Husbands, continue to grow in loving, honoring & sanctifying your wife (Eph 5:25ff)

2. Wives, pray for your husbands & and look to Christ- your heavenly bridegroom

3. All, pray for protection of marriages in our church and that they would be a powerful testimony of the gospel