

**Sermon Outline**  
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**The Witness of Good Conduct - In Marriage**  
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**Sermon Text:** 1 Peter 3:1-7

As Christian citizens

As Christian servants/slaves....employees

Today

**As wives and husbands**

**• Wives**

[3:1] 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.

Why?

First, It is a call to return to the goodness of the created order.

Genesis 1&2

Second, Because of the radical equality and freedom found  
in the church

How?

[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.

**Today: Christian wives to Christian Husbands**

**• Husbands**

[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.

Understanding – honor – weaker vessel

Public prayer is probably most in view.

How are you doing husband?

How are you doing wife?

Take note, those who would be married.

All, live out the gospel in your personal relationships...  
for the sake of Witness!