

Man & Wife OR Stress & Strife?

1 Peter 3:1-7

In Marriage, it's either Man & Wife OR Stress & Strife...YOU CHOOSE!

MEN! Whether she's Correct or Not is Irrelevant, your wife is ALWAYS RIGHT.

ALL human beings seek Two Things in life: Security & Significance.

Peter has much to Say about How Husbands & Wives CONDUCT themselves in Marriage.

1. WIVES: DEVELOP A GENTLE ATTITUDE IN MARRIAGE. (vv.1-6)

- The Internal Submissive (or Cooperative) Spirit Impresses a LOST Husband. (vv.1-2)
- Many women Focus Primarily on OUTER Beauty. (v.3)
- Godly, Christian Women are to FOCUS Primarily on INNER Beauty.(v.4, Proverbs 31:30)
- While speaking of Women Living Godly, Peter gives the Example of SARAH, who was Anything but WEAK! (v.5-6)

• *In 1 Peter 3:1-6, What Peter MEANS & What he Does NOT MEAN:*

1. He's NOT SAYING Christian women should NOT WEAR Jewelry, HAVE Pretty Hair, WEAR Gold or DRESS Nicely.
2. He is NOT SAYING women should Take ABUSE or Be a DOORMAT.
3. He IS Saying a Submissive, Gentle & Quiet Spirit is Very Precious in the Eyes of GOD.

2. HUSBANDS: DEVELOP GENTLE BEHAVIOR IN MARRIAGE (v.7)

- By Definition, MOST Men are NOT Gentle.
- BUT...when it Comes to our WIVES, God calls Husbands to Behave Gently.
- Men CAN BEHAVE Gently...When They CHOOSE to.
- Ever noticed how Gentle a man is when he's DATING?
- HOW does the husband RECEIVE the Significance he CRAVES?
- He intentionally PUTS his Wife on the Pedestal she Deserves.
- He deliberately ELEVATES his Bride Above himself.
- When Men give HONOR to their Wives this way...THEY will become the MOST Significant Person in their Wife's Life...
- How a Godly Husband TREATS his wife is a SPIRITUAL Matter.
- If you want a Happy Marriage then Get Real & Work on Yourself FIRST!