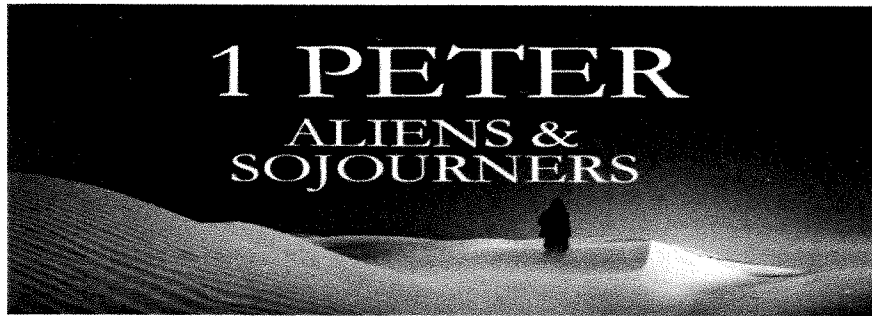




Series: Aliens & Sojourners—1 Peter **Text:** 1 Pet. 3:1–6
Title: Submission in Marriage **Date:** August 30, 2026
Lesson: 13

The Imperative of 1 Peter:

1 Pet. 2:11b–12a – ...abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul ¹²[by keeping] your behavior excellent among the Gentiles...

- *1 Pet. 2:13a – Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake **to every human institution...***
 - *1 Pet. 2:13b - ...whether **to a king as the one in authority...***
 - *1 Pet. 2:18 – Servants, be submissive **to your masters** with all [fear]...*
 - *1 Pet. 3:1 – In the same way, you wives, be submissive **to your own husbands...***

Three Important Truths about Studying This Passage:

1. The context provides some essential guardrails to this subject that help us understand the text better and avoid misinterpreting what is said.
2. Don't let the sensitivity of the subject stop us from understanding what is actually said.
3. This is a text directed at women, so that is the primary emphasis.

Three Reasons Why God Expects Wives to Submit to Their Husbands

1. Submission _____ your husband. (vv1–2)

- 'In the same way' –
- 'to **your own** husbands' –

The best way to influence husbands' behavior is through _____ and not necessarily words.

- 'chaste and respectful' –

*1 Pet. 2:17 – Honor all people, love the brotherhood, **fear God**, honor the king. ¹⁸Servants, be submissive to your masters **with all [fear]**...*

Wives' pure behavior toward _____ out of their fear of _____ is what will influence their husbands.

2. Submission is _____ to God (vv3–4)

- Society wrongly associates personal value with _____ and _____.

God places value on _____.

- 'precious' –

1 Sam. 16:7 – But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

- 'imperishable' –

- 'gentle' (cf. Matt. 11:29; 21:5; 5:5) –

- 'quiet' (cf. 1 Tim. 2:2) –

Biblical submission involves a spirit of humility and peacefulness that doesn't challenge your husband's authority with either _____ you say/do or _____ you say/do it.

Submitting to husbands in a way that truly respects them cultivates a character that is truly valuable to God, even if society doesn't recognize or reward it.

3. Submission shows you _____ God. (vv5–6)

- What made female spiritual ancestors beautiful to God was that they expressed their _____ in God by faithfully submitting to their husbands.

The crux of submission in *every* authority relationship is whether we trust God or take matters into our own hands.

- Submission involves _____.
- The *real* reason we struggle with authority in *any* area of life is because giving up some amount of control in our lives terrifies us.

*Gen. 3:16 – To the woman He said,
“I will greatly multiply
Your pain in childbirth,
In pain you will bring forth children;
**Yet your desire will be for your husband,
And he will rule over you.”***

What do we do with this text?

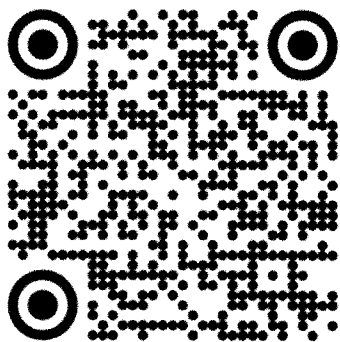
- 1. The best way to help a husband struggling to live up to his calling is to submit _____, not less.**

- 2. A wife's submission to her husband is a _____ act of obedience to God.**

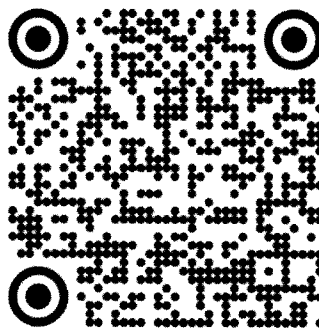
- 3. Wives who biblically submit to their husbands prove to the world that our lives are not about _____.**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What are some biblical responses to our culture's rejection of submission in marriage?
2. Discuss examples of issues a wife might see with her husband: What are submissive ways she could address them? What are wrong ways she might address them instead?
3. How does finding our value in what God values free us?
4. Discuss examples of wives in Scripture who submitted to their husbands in difficult situations; what can you learn from them?
5. What specific fears make it difficult for you to submit to authorities in your life?



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