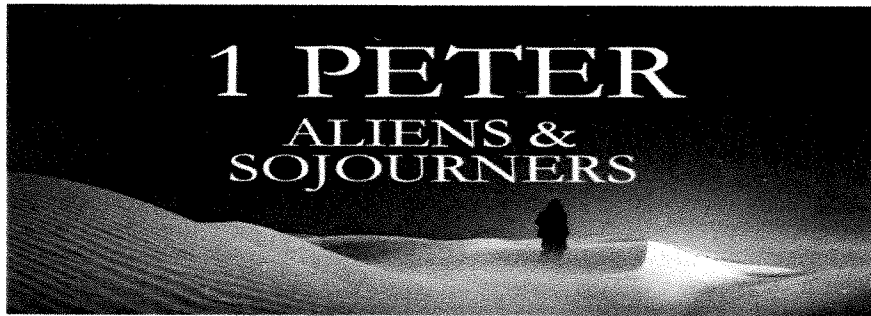




Series: Aliens & Sojourners—1 Peter **Text:** 1 Pet. 3:7
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The Imperative of 1 Peter:

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 Reasons Why God Expects Wives to Submit to Their Husbands:

1. Submission sanctifies your husband.
2. Submission is valuable to God.
3. Submission shows you trust God.

Three Submission Principles for Wives:

1. The best way to help a husband struggling to live up to his calling is to submit more, not less.
2. A wife's submission to her husband is a voluntary act of obedience to God.
3. Wives who biblically submit to their husbands prove to the world that our lives are not about us.

- **Live with your wife** _____
_____.

- 'In the same way' –
- 'as to a weaker vessel, to the feminine one' –
(cf. Gen. 1:27; Gal. 3:28)

In what sense is she a 'weaker vessel'?

1. Men are to take into account that women are generally much weaker physically and more sensitive emotionally than they are.
2. Men are to treat their wives as priceless treasures that should be handled with care.

Wherever there is authority, there will be
_____ **before God one day.**

- **Show her** _____.
- Our wives should always feel honored by us (e.g., Prov. 31:28–29).
- 'fellow heir of the grace of life' –

- ...So that your prayers will not be _____.
- Negligence in this area is a major sin that angers God, and we can't have a good relationship with God while we are in major sin.

If you are failing as a husband, your relationship with God is not in a healthy place.

What do we do with this text?

1. Living with our wives 'according to knowledge' is an intensely _____ calling.

Eph. 5:29–29 – So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; ²⁹for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church

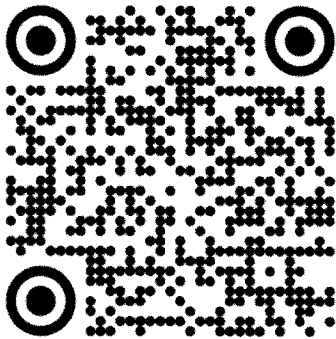
Husbands need to live with their wives according to knowledge of:

1. Christ's selfless example and sanctifying work
2. Our responsibility to handle our wives with care befitting the precious treasure they are to God
3. Our equality before God
4. God's will and design for marriage
5. The challenge it is to be a wife
6. Our own wives specifically

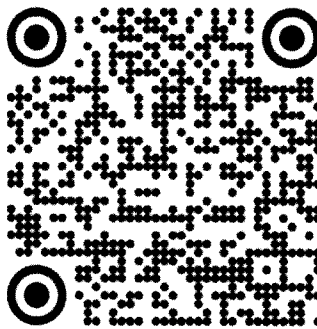
The biggest failure for most men in marriage is that they are too _____ as husbands.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What are some specific ways husbands can show sensitivity to how they are different from their wives?
2. What are specific, meaningful ways husbands can show their wives honor?
3. How does sin affect our relationships with other people we love? How does that help us understand what it does to our relationship to God?
4. Discuss some examples of how it could look for a husband to be as responsive to his wife as he is to his own body.
5. Most cultural ideas about marriage tell us men are either supposed to be extremely passive or overtly misogynistic; how can we develop a healthy, balanced image of a proactive, biblical husband?



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