

Flag Branch Missionary Baptist Church  
Baptist Training Union

**“1st and 2nd Peter and Jude”**  
Called To Submission In The Family

**Study Six: The Family Submission – 1 Peter 3:1-12**

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.
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.
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.
8. Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. 9. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.
10. For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit;
11. Let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it.
12. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

For all of the discussion questions relating to wives and husbands, it is important to realize that societies at the time of this writing did not regard women the same as or equal with men. In fact, in many places their social status was not much above that of a slave. Even today, the social status of women and men are looked upon differently. Therefore, we must place Peter’s words in proper context and bring them forward to present day societies.

## Discussion

- A. Business, personal, social, fraternal and many others are all types of relationship people have with each other. Is there a divine guideline for family relationships? How do you know?
- B. Peter begins verse 1 with the word “Likewise”. To what is he referring to? ver. 1.
- C. How does the word “submit” in verse 1 compare with how it is used in chapter 2 verses 13 and 18? What behavior is the word “submit” communicating on the part of a wife to her husband?
- D. What reason does Peter give for a wife submitting to her husband? What do you think about this reason? Is it still a reason today for a wife to submit to her husband? ver. 1
- E. How would you describe conduct that is “pure (chaste, clean, holy, innocent, modest) and respectful (fearful, reverent)” on the part of a wife? Does it apply today? ver. 2
- F. Describe the distinctions Peter makes between external beauty and inner beauty? What advantage does one have over the other? ver. 3-4.
- G. What examples does Peter give of inner beauty? It is often said that “beauty is in the eye of the beholder”. Does that beauty still exist today and who see it? – ver. 5 - 6.
- H. Turning his attention to husbands, Peter begins by saying “In the same matter or likewise”. To what is he referring? – ver. 7
- I. What are husbands to give to their wives? Peter gives three reasons for this. What are they? Explain Peter’s use of the description “weaker vessel” and does it still apply today? – ver. 7
- J. Who is Peter referring to in ver. 8? What attributes are they required to have? – ver. 8.
- K. How are Christian to response to evil against themselves? Why? What things must Christians do who love living and want to see good days? – ver. 10-11.
- K. How does Peter describe the Lord’s actions in ver. 12? What does that mean?