

Trinity C.U. Feb.14, 2009 A.M. 1 Peter 3:1-12

Is your marriage On The ROCK... or on the “rocks”? Marriage in our culture today is becoming so perverted that it hardly resembles God’s Perfect Plan for all of mankind. In many schools our children are being exposed to “alternative” life styles as their “rights”. Even “church” people are confused about the Lord’s teachings and are plunging headlong into the world’s philosophies.

The people of Peter’s day were faced with infidelity, family pressures, persecution, financial stress... not too different from today! Peter gives The Word for A Marriage On The ROCK!!

I. THE WORD for THE WIFE...

A. Submission... (Oh Ouch!) Notice the word “likewise”...

1. Examples galore for the Christian.... go back to 1 Pet.2.....

- vs. 9 You are a Chosen generation...
- vs. 13.. submit yourselves... vs.15.. it is the will of God!!!!
- vs. 18 .. servants be subject to your masters.... (not slaves here)
- vs. 21 .. even Christ... left believers an example!!

2. Here it is Submission To Your Own Husband... 3:1

- He is to be recognized as the “head” of the home... every team needs a coach....
- You may be more intelligent, have greater personality, even hold a better job... (yet in the home your husband is the “head”)
- Even if he is an unbeliever...
 - if he doesn’t obey God’s Word... a rebellious spirit...
- Some “don’ts”.... - don’t badger him or harass him...
 - don’t quote scripture to him all the time... don’t harp at his every fault...
 - don’t neglect your obligation as a wife, mother, homemaker
- Some “Be’s”
 - be as winsome and lovable as you can... cheerful, friendly, a good keeper at home... let him see the beautiful spirit of Christ like submission..
 - he’ll probably fall in love with you all over again!
- **You Just Might Be The One Who Win’s Him To Jesus In This Way!!**

B. Purity.. vs.2

1. Chaste conduct... not of the world... virtuous... following God’s Guidelines for holy living!!
2. Coupled with “fear”.... motivated by your reverence for God... and your husband... (Eph.5:33)

C. Real Beauty... vs. 3 “whose adorning” = “kosmos”

1. The godly woman puts more emphasis on her attitude and conduct rather than on her clothing or hair styles. (NOW DON’T GO TO EXTREMES!)
2. The godly woman is beautiful because of the Holy Spirit...vs.4
 - Two words... “meek” and “quiet spirit”... with that God is well pleased!!
3. The godly woman has the example of the past... vs.5,6... as well as the Submission of Jesus!!

II. THE WORD for THE HUSBAND..... vs. 7 -12 (Ladies... you thought I’d never get here!!)

Notice the same word.... “likewise”.... in the same manner....

A. Three Basic Qualities... vs. 7

1. Develop A Considerate Understanding.... dwell with them according to knowledge...
 - Know something about women... in general... specifically your wife!!
 - They are more sensitive... they use both sides of their brain.... more delicate nature
 - Unkind words... thoughtless remarks... forgotten anniversaries... etc

B. Develop Honor for Her as The “Weaker” Vessel.... treat her with tenderness....

1. This New Testament teaching... raises the status of women.... be a “gentleman”....

C. Develop A Spiritual Awareness.... What a blessing to share our faith together...

1. When both are saved... we share the joys of that Salvation!!!
2. When both are saved... we are heirs together of the grace of life... joint participants...

** When there is the lack of respect and oneness in the Lord... you put a barrier between You and God.

“The sighs of an injured wife come between a man’s prayers and God’s hearing.”

TAKE GOD’S INSTRUCTIONS SERIOUSLY ... WIFE... HUSBAND...

YOU’LL FIND JOY, PEACE, AND BEAUTY WITH YOUR LIFE PARTNER!!

A REFUGE FROM THE STORMS OF LIFE.. A TEMPLE WHERE GOD IS WORSHIPED..

A WITNESS TO THE WORLD OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST!!!! (THE LIST GOES ON... vs. 8 - 12)