

1Pe 3:1-9 Expanded Translation

1Pe 3:1 As Christ subordinated Himself to God's plan, you wives likewise must be responsive to the needs of your husband; there will no doubt be wives who will marry men who are either unbelievers or men who are or will become loser believers, therefore I urge you to display a proper mental attitude by consistently following God's protocol in order that by your inner beauty and subordination your husband may be won to the Lord,

1Pe 3:2 the husband's transformation may come about as a direct result of his observing your proper deportment and respect for his position as the family authority.

1Pe 3:3 Your beauty therefore must not only be the result of coiffured hair, or the wearing of gold jewelry and expensive clothes,

1Pe 3:4 but most assuredly your beauty must be based on the condition of your soul; such inner beauty will not fade, or vanish; that which comes from a transformed soul is gentle, kind and quiet; and such gentleness, kindness and quietude is in the sight of God of great value.

1Pe 3:5 For you see the holy women of the Old Testament when trusting in Jehovah God they made themselves beautiful by means of doctrine in their souls and thus they were obedient to their very own husbands,

1Pe 3:6 just as Sarah listened and obeyed Abraham calling him lord; whose daughters you become when you adorn yourselves in doctrine; while consistently taking in the Word you will have no reason to fear any hint of terror which your husband may exact from you.

1Pe 3:7 In the same way you husbands must keep on dwelling with your wives according to the norms and standards of the Bible while apportioning and assigning a special place of honor to her as your very special weaker vessel; remember the two of you are joint heirs in Christ sharing God's plan for time; this must be done in order that your prayer life is not interrupted.

1Pe 3:8 Now finally, the two of you must be of the same mind showing compassion, sympathy and empathy toward one another, loving and appreciating those things which originally attracted the two of you; you must continuously demonstrate a tenderness and empathy toward one another and finally the two of you must think and act toward each other with great humility,

1Pe 3:9 you must stop repaying evil for evil, nor should you answer caustic accusation with caustic accusation but quite the contrary and on the other hand you must instead respond with pleasant words because you have been called for this very purpose in order that the two of you might inherit a blessing both for time and eternity.