

The Book of 1 Peter

Marriage God's Way! Pt. 3

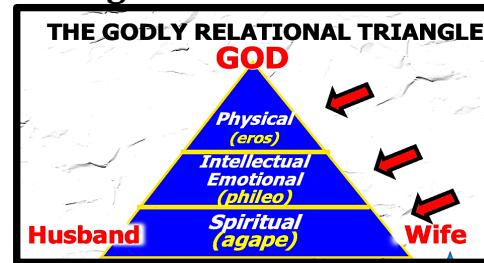
1 Peter 3:1-7

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Bottom Line:

Marriage done God's way is wonderful. God's Word teaches that men and women are equal in dignity and worth before God, yet distinct and complementary in their roles, especially in marriage.

Intro: Important to understand God's full picture of marriage in any biblical study of it!! Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:1-5; Ephesians 5:22-35; 1 Peter 3:1-7; 1 Corinthians 7



1. God calls wives to a willing, Jesus-glorifying submission. 1 Peter 3:1-2; Ephesians 5:22-24

- A. Submission is an act of trust in God's authority
- B. God uses godly conduct as a powerful testimony for Christ.. 1 Peter 3:2

2. God prioritizes inner Godliness over external beauty! 1 Peter 3:3-4; Col. 3:22-4:1

3. Complementary roles are rooted in God's design, not culture! 1 Peter 3:5-6

4. God calls husbands to Christlike, sacrificial servant leadership! 1 Peter 3:7; Eph 4:15; 29

Husband and wife "complementing" each other in the marriage

Husband

- Step up and servant-lead
- Set the pace for Christ's involvement in the home
- Show focused interest
- Speak nourishing and cherishing words
- Schedule quality time
- Strategize solutions to present and future problems
- Search the heart of your wife ("Pursue her")

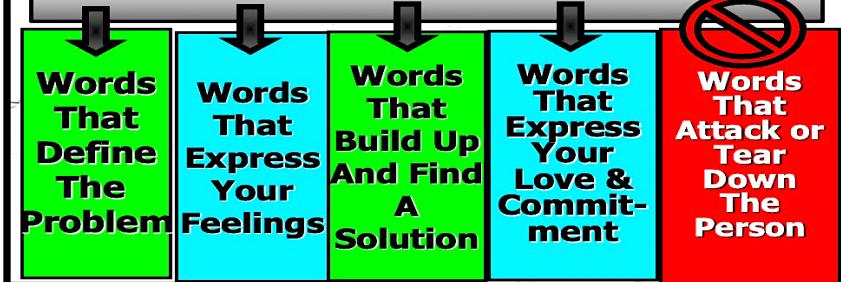
Wife

- Step in & engage/support
- Share key areas that need addressing
- Speak with respect & love
- Support church involvement
- Spend quality time
- Show appreciation in various ways
- Strategize solutions to present and future problems

A. "Understanding way" (v. 7) -

Godly two-way open, edifying communication:

Words That Build



Components of Christ-like Communication:

- 1. Pray for God's intervention!** Rom. 12:17-19
- 2. Examine your heart!** Colossians 3:13
- 3. Address the issue asap!** Ephesians 4:26
- 4. Confront humbly & under control!** Eph. 4:31
- 5. Extend grace in your response/plan of action**
Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

"You" Statements (Always avoid these)

You tried to embarrass me when you...

You were such an idiot when you ...

You are so mean for doing that to me...

"I" statements ... (prefer these instead)

I felt embarrassed when you said that...

I was told you Is that accurate?

I felt hurt when you ...

B. "Showing honor" (v. 7) - placing her needs above your own. ("providing")

- placing her security and safety above your own ("protecting")