

Bible Study 6 – Behaviour towards spouses & others – 1 Peter 3:1-12

In 1999 an Australian government inquiry into aspects of family services found the need to strengthen and support marriage in view of the increasing stresses on families and the changing social trends in relation to marriage, separation and divorce. It stated that the factors contributing to marriage breakdown included: unemployment and work-related problems, addiction, chronic illness, blended families, being raised in a dysfunctional family, feminism, negative views on marriage, individualism, poor communication, lack of parenting skills, and domestic violence. Today we look at what the Bible says about the marriage relationship.

The context	The purpose of the book is for “encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it” (1 Pt. 5:12). The central theme is to stand firm in the faith during suffering and persecution. Every chapter refers to suffering. It deals with the believer’s privileges & duties (1:1-2:10), relationships (2:11-4:6), and service & suffering (4:7-5:14). It begins by reminding them of their secure future and the need for holiness and love for one another. Then because they are holy, believers are to show godly behaviour towards authorities, towards their spouse, and towards all believers.
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PART 1 Read & summarise each section – 1 Peter 3:1-12

Towards husbands (v.1-4)	
Sarah’s example (v.5-6)	
Towards wives (v.7)	
Towards others (v.8-12)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What I learnt about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit.

2. What I learnt about people like us.



3. Summarise a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what are the most important biblical principles being taught?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. Why do you think a wife’s inner beauty is more important than her outer beauty (v.3-4)?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Let’s show respect and consideration in our relationships with our spouse and with others.

Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

