



The TRUE BEAUTY of The Christian Wife

I Peter 3:1-6

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A Quick Word to Our Mothers:

"I am socializing two Homo-sapiens in the dominant values of the Judeo-Christian tradition in order that they might be instruments for the transformation of the social order into the teleologically prescribed utopia inherent in the eschaton."

- Mrs. Anthony Campolo's definition of a Mother.



The Beauty of a Christian Wife is found....

1. In her outward _____.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 3:1–2, NASB95 - ¹ *In the same way*, [the immediate preceding context is the example of Christ's faithfulness to the plan and purpose of God] you wives, [lit., "one who fills a void" in your husbands and kids' lives] be submissive [lit., come under authority (a military word); it has NOTHING to do with evaluation] to your own husbands [lit., a "gardener" who causes his wife and kids to flourish] *so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word* [i.e. don't nag] *by the behavior of their wives,* ² *as they observe your chaste* [lit., purity] *and respectful behavior.*

How a believer lives in that most intimate relationship helps make the grace of Christ believable." - Dr. John MacArthur, NTC, p. 178.

1 Peter 3:1–2, TLB - ¹ *Wives, fit in with your husbands' plans; for then if they refuse to listen when you talk to them about the Lord, they will be won by your respectful, pure behavior. Your godly lives will speak to them better than any words.*

2. In her inner _____.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 3:3–4, NASB95 - ³ *Your adornment* [Gk. word *cosmatos*, it gives us our English word "cosmetics"; it means "to bring order out of chaos."] *must not be merely external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses* [he's not saying these things are bad, unless it is your only source of true beauty]; ⁴ *but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.*

1 Peter 3:3–4, TLB - ³ *Don't be concerned about the outward beauty that depends on jewelry, or beautiful clothes, or hair arrangement. ⁴ Be beautiful inside, in your hearts, with the lasting charm of a gentle and quiet spirit that is so precious to God.*

3. In her previous _____.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 3:5–6, NASB95 - ⁵ *For in this way in former times* [ref., OT times] *the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves* [how? By...], *being submissive to their own husbands;* ⁶ *just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord* [a simple term of respect in that OT time], *and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.*

LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

A Word about Submission:

- A. Submission is an obligation—both to God and the husband.**
- B. Submission is an opportunity—to win the husband.**
- C. Submission is an ornament—it's beautiful to God.**

A Word About What Submission is NOT:

- (i) It's not about nagging.
- (ii) It's not about "The Big Three": Abuse, Adultery, Abandonment.
- (iii) It's not about being unscriptural, unethical or ungodly.



Ladies, if you want to be a queen, crown your husband as king in your home, and without violating conscience or Scripture, submit to him, support him and strengthen him!

ANSWERS TO THE MESSAGE:

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1. Behavior
2. Beauty
3. Example