

Outrageous Hope Extravagant Joy

Week 5 - With Those We Love

1 Peter 3:1-12

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 3:4

I. What is submission? (2:14-25)

- A. Human institutions
- B. Servants (Employees)
- C. Christ is our example

II. In the same way, you wives, be submissive – (3:1-6)

- A. Chaste and respectful
Chaste – inwardly pure
Respectful – feeling or showing deference and respect
- B. Hidden person of the heart – The internal is eternal.
Our focus should be on the internal beauty of our lives not the external.
- C. Imperishable quality
1 Peter 1:4
1 Peter 1:18-19
1 Corinthians 15:52-53
- D. Gentle – “mild or kind, an inwrought grace of the soul and the expressions of it are first and foremost toward God. That attitude of spirit in which we accept God’s dealings with us as good and do not dispute or resist...is a condition of mind and heart which demonstrates gentleness not in weakness but power. It is a virtue born in strength of character” (Hebrew/Greek Key Study Bible, p. 1869).
- E. Quiet – “still, undisturbed, peaceable, tranquil”
“Quiet describes a mindset of calmness, serenity and tranquility. It’s being settled, steadfast, and peaceful. A quiet disposition is like a still, peaceful pool of water, as opposed to a churning agitated whirlpool. A quiet spirit is the opposite of an anxious, distressed, disorderly, and clamorous one” (Mary Kassian, *Outrageous Hope, Extravagant Joy*, p. 99).

F. Precious in the sight of God

“And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and *precious in the sight of God*” (1 Peter 2:4
Psalm 116:15).

Submission and trust in the Lord that leads to inner tranquility and confidence is a concept that has been rejected by men and women in our day but is “precious in the sight of God”.

G. Do not fear

Question from our study (p. 97) – Take a few moments to look in the spiritual mirror. Does what you see make your husband want to follow Jesus Christ?

III. You husbands in the same way – (3:7)

A. “Give honour to the wife as the weaker vessel. All bear on their nature the touch of the great Potter’s moulding hand; but some are stronger than others, and in Christ’s code the obligation to consider the other always rests with the stronger” (The Works of F. B. Meyer, Vol. 2, Loc. 28907).

B. Joint heirs

C. Prayer

IV. Sum it up – (3:8)

- A. Harmonious – one mind
- B. Sympathetic - compassionate
- C. Brotherly – love as brothers
- D. Kindhearted - tenderhearted
- E. Humble in spirit – courteous

V. Be a blessing – (3:9-12)

We must remember the “if then” consequences of our behavior. Live life according to God’s Word and He will take care of defending, protecting and providing for us. Knowing Him and His Word grants a renewed perspective and an eternal vantage point from which to live.