

Me Submit to Him?
1 Peter 3:1-6
Family and Relationships
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Let's review:

- Peter wrote to many displaced believers that were losing their position, power and possessions.
- Peter wrote to people that were facing real and increasing persecution.
- Peter referred to the believers as Pilgrims, strangers and sojourners (alien residents). They had not yet arrived to the final destination.
- He reminded them that though they were losing position on earth, their heavenly inheritance could not be more secure.
- He pointed out their chosen status with God
- He pointed to their particular purpose from God. That purpose was to proclaim the light of Jesus to the dark world.
- Then he pointed out that a well-ordered life that recognized authority was essential in both dealing with persecution as well as fulfilling their mission.

Three characteristics of wives that please God and convict men.

1. A **submissive** attitude like Christ. (verse 1a)
 - a. **Heavenward** - points back to Christ's incarnation and submission to his creation.
 - b. **Homeward** – She is submissive to her own husband.
 - c. "Submission" – *Hypotasso* – to submit, to arrange in order, to submit **to order**.
2. A **redemptive** testimony. (verses 1b-4)
 - a. Her attraction speaks volumes **without words**
 - b. Her beauty is more than **skin deep**. (Isa 3.16-24; Jer 2.32). Not merely outward but inward, invisible.
 - c. Her beauty **is incorruptible**...
3. A godly **pattern**. It matters what example you set for others. (verses) 5-6
 - a. This attitude is **precious** to God.
 - b. This attitude shows **trust in God**.
 - c. This attitude **convinces** men.

Salvation is **family friendly!** Submission is **family friendly!**