

Intro:

XVII. Submission in Marriage - Pt 1

A. The Wife's Responsibility - vs 1-6

1. Wives, likewise

a. Women in the Roman Empire

i. women were not much more than servants in the household

- living w/ their father under *patria potestas* which granted life/death power to the father

- Husbands had a similar power

ii. When women came to Christ

- the unbelieving husband or father could be very difficult

- they needed to know how to possibly win the unbelieving spouse

- Paul deals with this in 1 Co 7:10ff

iii. Paul also deals with the Spiritual equality of women in Ga 3:27-28

iv. He, like Peter, deals with roles which God has established - Eph 5:22; Col 3:18

b. likewise - refers back to the 2 previous examples of submission

i. citizens to civil authorities - 2:13

ii. Servants to masters - 2:19

2. Submissive and Faithful - vs 1-2

a. be submissive to your own husbands - 1Co 14:34; Eph 5:22; Col 3:18; Tit 2:5

i. *hupotasso* - pres. tense, middle voice, emphasizing continual action, done by/to oneself (submitting yourself)

ii. own husbands

- does not imply inferiority

- points to the intimacy of marriage - not to be servile to all men

iii. that even if some do not obey the word,

- commentary says that this one is an unbeliever

- 1 Co 7:10-16 speaks to the Christian spouse staying with the unbeliever for the possibility of winning them to Christ

- how is a wife to deal with a husband in the sanctification process when he disobeys the word?

b. They may be won - 1Co 7:16 - to Christ or obedience

i. without a word,

- not saying that a wife cannot bring verbal correction, exhortation, or admonition

-if he won't listen, the wife is not to become the contentious one -

Pr 19:13; 21:9, 19; 25:24; 27:15

ii. when they observe - *epopteuo* - to inspect, watch:--behold. - 1Co 9:19-22; 1 Pet 2:12 - life gives credence to the message

- your chaste conduct

-*hagnos* - clean, innocent, modest, perfect: chaste, clean, pure.

-toward God and her husband

- accompanied by fear

-*phobos* - alarm or fright: be afraid, fear, terror.

-same word used in 2:17 of one's attitude toward God

-Eph 5:22 - as to the Lord

3. Modest - vs 3-6

- a. Do not let your adornment be merely outward - common in Roman culture
- i. ***kosmos*** - orderly arrangement, decoration; the world (in a wide or narrow sense, including its inhabitants, (morally))--adorning, world.
 - ii. does not prohibit the use of
 - arranging the hair - styling hair
 - wearing gold - wearing jewelry
 - or putting on fine apparel - nice clothes
 - Solomon's bride was beautifully adorned - Song 1:10; 4:11; 7:1
 - Isaiah warned of women who were spiritual shallow - **Is 3:16-24**
 - iii. let it be the hidden person of the heart, - Ro 2:29; 7:22; 2Co 4:16; 1Ti 2:9-10; Tit 2:3;
 - person - ***anthropos*** - man-faced, a human being, man.
 - with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit,
 - the character of the new man demonstrated
 - ***aphthartos*** - undecaying (in essence or continuance):--not (in-, un-)corruptible, immortal.
 - ***praus*** - mild, (by implication) humble:--mEEK
 - ***hesuchios*** - keeping one's seat (sedentary), still (undisturbed, undisturbing):--peaceable, quiet.
 - this was a contrast to a boisterous or contentious woman
 - which is very precious in the sight of God - ***poluteles*** - extremely expensive:--costly, very precious, of great price.
- b. For in this manner, in former times,
- i. the holy women - Ru 3:11; Pro 31:10-31
 - who trusted in God also adorned themselves,
 - elpizo*** - to expect, confide:--(have, thing) hope(-d) (for), trust.
 - it is God that changes a man - Pr 21:1
 - being submissive to their own husbands - not unprecedented
 - ii. as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, - Ge 18:12
 - ***kurios*** - supreme in authority, controller; Master (as a respectful title):-- God, Lord, master, Sir.
 - a practice in life before she ever said it in Ge 18:12
 - In Egypt, in Pharaoh's harem - Ge 12:11-16
 - In Gerar, in Abimelech's harem - Ge 20:1-18
 - iii. whose daughters you are if you
 - do good - ***agathopoieo*** - follow her example of submission and modesty
 - and are not afraid with any terror.
 - phobeo*** - to frighten, to be alarmed; to be in awe of, revere:--be (+ sore) afraid, fear (exceedingly), reverence.
 - ptosis*** - alarm:--amazement.
 - not giving in to the fear of what might happen
 - Ps 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?
 - Pr 1:33 But whoever listens to me will dwell safely,
And will be secure, without fear of evil."
 - Pr 29:25 The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.