

BEAUTIFUL WIVES AND CONSIDERATE HUSBANDS

1 Peter 3:1-7

Key Verse: 3:4,7a

“Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight. ... Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives...”

1. How can a Christian wife influence her unbelieving husband (1-2)? What should be her goal, and why is behavior so important? How can she do this (2:21-22)?
2. Read verses 3-4. What are the two kinds of beauty and how are they different? Why is it so important to have inner beauty (1 Sa 16:7; Pr 31:30)? How did Jesus show a good example in having a gentle and quiet spirit (2:23; Isa 53:7)?
3. How did holy women of the past adorn themselves (5)? What motivated them (1:3)? What does Sarah’s example teach Christian wives (6)?
4. Read verse 7. In what ways does Peter admonish husbands to be Christ-like toward their wives? What does it mean to be considerate, and in what practical ways can husbands do this?
5. For what reasons should husbands treat their wives with respect? Why should they respect their wives as equal partners (Ge 1:27; 2:18)? What are some practical ways to do this? What is the result?
6. How do Christian wives with inner beauty and considerate Christian husbands impact their community and society?