

1 Peter 3:1-7 Therefore, Submit Yourselves, pt 2
7/12/09 - The Exchange

- I. Catch up
 - A. Still in the context of 2:11-12, living as an example of Jesus among unbelievers.
 - B. Some topics have a lot of baggage attached to them. This is one. Problem is we think in terms of opposites, extremes. Bad thinking.
 - C. Going to go through this, then broaden scope.
- II. 3:1-6
 - A. Living as an example of Jesus among unbelievers.
 - B. Men and women are different. Duh.
 - 1. Not better/worse than, not more/less valuable/significant.
 - 2. Given different roles by God. As in a play, all roles important. Who is better, more valuable; Romeo or Juliet? Neither, but different parts, different roles.
 - C. 3:1-2
 - 1. wives - married women
 - 2. likewise - in the same way. As what? What came before this.
 - 3. be submissive - refresh from last time.
 - 4. your own - not to any man, your own husband. Even the ones who don't believe. Possible some wives using as excuse?
 - 5. may be won - reversible concept.
 - 6. observe - same idea as in 2:12.
 - 7. chaste conduct - pure, "virginal".
 - 8. fear - respect. Bob Davis story. "If you don't respect your husband, someone else will." Love, endear, honor.
 - D. 3:3-6
 - 1. 3:3
 - a) let it not be - be is the imperative command
 - b) adornment - kosmos, world, order from disorder, from which we get cosmetics.
 - (1) McGee - If the fence needs painting, paint it.
 - (2) Don't try to keep your unbelieving man by going supermodel. "Aren't I enough for you?"
 - (3) Reversible concept. Guys who provide status and security.
 - 2. 3:4
 - a) hidden person of the heart - 1 Sam. 16:7 - People look outside, God looks inside.
 - b) incorruptible - as opposed to v. 3.
 - c) quiet and gentle spirit - does that mean weak and broken? No, it means not prone to anger, savage, fierce, difficult. It means generally calm, tranquil, in control.
 - d) precious to God - who are you trying to impress?
 - e) Godly women are hot! Christian Jess.
 - f) Relationship based on v. 3 end there. Same with 4.
 - 3. 3:5-6 Survey.
 - E. 3:7

1. Why understanding and weaker? Living as an example of Jesus among unbelievers.
 - a) Understanding because we were all once unbelievers.
 - b) Weaker because unbeliever and behavior will be different.
2. Living a compromised life, trying to serve two masters, hinders (slows down, impedes, trips up) your prayer life.
3. Why doesn't Peter have more to say to guys? Don't know, but don't read too much into that.
4. Is divorce an option for the believer with an unbelieving spouse? Nope. 1 Cor. 7:12-13.

III. Wrap up

- A. This kind of strength only comes through Jesus.
 1. People in our own church.
 2. Raul and Sharron Ries.
- B. Jesus our example.
 1. Submitted Himself, didn't do anything to make Himself "attractive" but instead did what it took to draw us to God.
 2. He lived with us, understanding us because we were weaker vessels when we were unbelievers. His prayer for us was not hindered.
 3. His giving of Himself was itself a demonstration of God's love for us. He went through what we go through and understands.
- C. Whatever the state of your marriage, whatever the state of your life, the first best thing you can do is have a right relationship with Jesus.