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This section, like the preceding one addressed to slaves, has three parts:

- an exhortation to defer (vv. 1-2; cf. 2:18),
- an admonition about pleasing God (vv. 3-4; cf. 2:18-20), and
- a precedent for the advocated attitude or action (vv. 5-6; cf. 2:21-25).

## B. Our family obligations, 3:1-7

### 1. The wife as the heart of the home, 3:1-6

#### a. Her attitude, 3:1-2

(1) The requirement, 3:1a “Likewise, ye wives, *be* in subjection to your own husbands...”

Original Word: ὁμοίως

Transliteration: homoiós

Definition: likewise, in like manner, similarly, in the same way, equally.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/3668.htm>

1 Pet. 2:13 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;

Eph. 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, **as unto the Lord.**

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing.

Col. 3:18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, **as it is fit in the Lord.**

Gen. 2:18 And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought *them* unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof.

20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.



Gen. 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and **thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.**

1 Cor. 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman *is* the man; and the head of Christ *is* God. ...

7 For a man indeed ought not to cover *his* head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.

8 For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man.

9 **Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.**

(2) The reason, 3:1b-2

(a) The unspiritual/unbelieving husband and the Word, 3:1b "...that, **if any obey not the word, they also may without the word...**"

(b) The unspiritual/unbelieving husband and his wife, 3:1c-2

i. How she behaves, 3:1c "...be won by the conversation of the wives;"

"Unspoken acting is more powerful than unperformed speaking."

Æcumenius, quoted in Jamieson, et al., p. 1475.

Jamieson, Robert; A. R. Fausset; and David Brown. *Commentary Practical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible*. Reprint ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1961.

## Submission involves at least four things:

- First, it begins with an attitude of entrusting oneself to God (cf. 2:23-25). The focus of our life must be on Jesus Christ.
- Second, submission requires respectful behavior (3:1-2). Nagging is not respectful behavior.
- Third, submission involves the development of a godly character (3:3-5).
- Fourth, submission includes doing what is right (3:6). It does not include violating other Scriptural principles. Submission is imperative for oneness in marriage.[156]

## ii. What he beholds, 3:2

1 Pet. 3:2 While they behold your chaste conversation *coupled* with fear.

Original Word: ἅγιος

Transliteration: hagnos

Definition: (originally, in a condition prepared for worship), pure (either ethically, or ritually, ceremonially), chaste.

*hagnós* (an adjective, which may be cognate with */hágios*, "holy,")— properly, *pure* (to the *core*); *virginal* (chaste, unadulterated); *pure inside and out*; *holy* because *uncontaminated* (undefiled from sin), i.e. without spoilation even within (even down to the center of one's being); not *mixed* with guilt or anything condemnable. <http://biblehub.com/greek/53.htm>

# CHASTE

1. Refraining from sexual intercourse that is regarded as contrary to morality or religion; virtuous.
2. Virgin
3. Not engaging in sexual relations; celibate.
4. Free from obscenity; decent:
5. Undeclared or stainless:  
<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/chaste?s=t>

b. Her attire, 3:3-4

(1) What is discouraged, 3:3

1 Pet. 3:3 Whose adorning let it **not be that outward *adorning*** of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

Original Word: κόσμος

Transliteration: kosmos

Definition: the world, universe; worldly affairs; the inhabitants of the world; adornment.

*kósmos* (literally, "something *ordered*") – properly, an "*ordered system*" (like the universe, creation); the *world*.

[The English term "cosmetic" is derived from */kósmos*, i.e. the *order* ("ensemble") used of treating the face as a whole.]

<http://biblehub.com/greek/2889.htm>

(2) What is desirable, 3:4

(a) A true heart, 3:4a "But *let it be*

**the hidden man of the heart,**  
in that which is not corruptible..."

(b) A true humility, 3:4b “...*even the ornament* of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.”

Prov. 31:30 **Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD**, she shall be praised.

1 Sam. 16:7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: **for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.**

Eph. 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, **to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;**

Eph. 4:22 That ye **put off concerning the former conversation the old man**, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

23 And **be renewed in the spirit of your mind**;

24 And that ye **put on the new man**, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Col. 3:10 And have **put on the new man**, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

c. Her attainment, 3:5-6

(1) What some did in the Old Testament times, 3:5

1 Pet. 3:5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:



(2) What Sarah did in the Old Testament times,  
3:6

1 Pet. 3:6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

Gen. 18:12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, **my lord being old also?**

2. The husband as the head of the home, 3:7

- a. He is to be considerate, 3:7a “Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel...”

Eph. 5:25 Husbands, **love your wives**, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Prov. 10:12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but **love covereth all sins.**

“...dwell with *them* according to **knowledge**...” = think right

Original Word: γνῶσις

Transliteration: gnósis

Definition: knowledge, doctrine, wisdom.

*gnōsis* (a feminine noun derived from /*ginōskō*, "experientially know") – *functional* ("working") knowledge gleaned from first-hand (personal) experience, connecting theory to application; "application-knowledge," gained in (by) a direct relationship.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1108.htm>

“....giving honour unto the wife = be right

Original Word: τιμή

Transliteration: timé

Definition: a price, honor.

*timé* (from *tiō*, "accord honor, pay respect") – properly, *perceived value; worth* (literally, "price") especially as *perceived honor* – i.e. what has *value* in the eyes of *the beholder*; (figuratively) the *value (weight, honor) willingly assigned* to something.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/5092.htm>

“...as unto the weaker vessel...” = do right

1 Tim. 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but **the woman being deceived was in the transgression.**

b. He is to be cooperative, 3:7b "...as being heirs together of the grace of life..."

c. He is to be careful, 3:7c "...that your prayers be not hindered."

Original Word: ἐγκόπτω

Transliteration: egkoptó

Definition: I interrupt, hinder.

*egkóptō* – properly, cut *into* (like blocking off a road); *hinder* (A-S) by "introducing an obstacle that stands *sharply in the way of a moving object*" (Souter); (figuratively) *sharply impede*, by *cutting off* what is desired or needed; to block (hinder).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1465.htm>

## Conclusion

1 Tim. 2:8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

9 **In like manner** also, that women **adorn themselves in modest apparel**, with **shamefacedness and sobriety**; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

10 But (which **becometh women professing godliness**) with **good works**.

11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

13 For **Adam was first formed, then Eve**.

14 And Adam was not deceived, but **the woman being deceived was in the transgression**.

15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, **if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety**.