



## "Winning a Wayward Husband" (Part 4)

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### *1 Peter 3:4*



**1** In the same way, you wives, be subject to your own husbands so that if any [of them] are disobedient to the Word, they may be won without a word through the behavior of their wives, **2** as they observe your pure behavior in fear [of God]. **3** And do not let your adornment be [simply] external— braiding the hair and wearing gold— or the wearing of dresses. **4** But [let it be] the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable nature of a gentle and quiet spirit which is precious in God's sight. **5** For in this way in former

times the holy women whose hope was in God used to adorn themselves by submitting to their own husbands.

**6** Thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.

— 1 Peter 3:1-6, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

### Introduction:

**"Wives are to win wayward husbands to the Word without a word."**

### I. Winning a Wayward Husband to the Word Without a Word (vv. 1-6)

- A. Be Subject to Him (1a)
- B. Be An Example to Him (1b-6)

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1. Focus on your behavior

## 2. Forsake the Fashion Show (3-4)

a. This is a warning against misguided priorities

b. Forsake the fashion show and focus on the jewels of the heart!

(1) Here Peter calls it "the hidden person of the heart"

(a) Literally, The hidden *anthrōpos* (ανθρωπος) - "man"

(2) Everyone is born with a sinful, depraved heart (Gen. 6:5, 8:21; Eph. 4:18)

(3) When a person is born-again or regenerated by the Spirit of God he or she receives a new heart

(a) This is a relevant question: Make your calling and election sure (cf. 1:6)

c. Note how this hidden person of the heart, this inward adornment that is precious in God's sight, is described: "with the imperishable nature of a gentle and quiet spirit"

(1) Note the contrast between verses 3 and 4

(a) Beauty quickly fades . . .

(2) Note the two adjectives in v. 4

(a) "Gentle" (πραυς) - gentleness, meekness

(b) "Quiet" (ἡσυχίος)

i. Both of these words should bring you back to v. 1

(3) Note the end of the verse: "...which is precious in God's sight."

(a) "What's precious in God's sight?" (cf. 1:7, 1:19; 2:4,6,7, 2 Peter 1:4)

### **Conclusion:**