



"Winning a Wayward Husband" (Part 5)

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1 Peter 3:5-6



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"

3. Follow Sarah's Example (5-6)

- a. Peter's moving from the general to the specific

(1) Here in verse 5 it's Iterative Imperfect ("used to")

- b. All of this is pictured in the "excellent wife" of Prov. 31

- c. Verse 6 - Here's the specific example that Peter's working toward

(1) Here we have a stronger word - not ὑποτάσσω (to submit) but ὑπακούω (to listen or obey)

(2) What's "calling him lord" all about?!

(a) κύριος is a word that has a broad range of meaning

(b) Genesis 18:12 and the context of chapters 17-18

(3) f. Peter concludes by saying ". . . and you have become her children if you do what is right . . ."

(a) Note there is a condition attached (if you do what is right)

(b) Not being frightened by any fear (cf. Proverbs 3:25)

Conclusion: