



"Winning a Wayward Husband" (Part 1)

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1 Peter 3:1



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)

A. Be Subject to Him (1a)

1. "In the same way..." (*homoios* | ὁμοίως)
2. "Subject" = a participle functioning as an imperative
 - a. From *hupotassō* (ὑποτάσσω) - to be subject to, or to submit to
 - b. Note the distinction, "to your own husbands"
3. Submission does not mean inferior!

a. Essential equality refers to inherent or _____ equality

b. Functional equality means being equal in function or _____

c. The Trinity as an example . . .

4. Christianity actually elevated and promoted the status of women

a. Examples . . .

5. Some would object that submission/subjection is cultural and doesn't apply today

a. This is not true for the following reasons:

(1) Ephesians 5:22-25 and Timothy 2:9-13

6. What this doesn't mean:

a. It doesn't mean that women are to subject themselves to all men in general, but to their husbands in particular

b. It doesn't mean that husbands have carte-blanche authority

We may lawfully disobey any authority when that authority commands us to do something God forbids, or forbids us to do something God commands.

c. It doesn't mean that an unsaved husband is the spiritual leader or influence in the family

d. It doesn't mean you become a partaker of foolishness

e. It doesn't mean you violate your conscience

Conclusion