

# Living to Display God's Grace

A HUSBAND'S SUBMISSION TO GOD

1 Peter 3:7

Godly men make a  
*good-in-God* difference.

Peter gives us three practical ways to show our wives the love and honor of Jesus as we submit to His will for their well-being in our marriage.

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Live with your wife in ways which are **informed** by and **designed** by her Creator for her good and God's glory. Submit yourself to God's will in how you live with your wife day-to-day as your most intimate partner *in* life and *for* life.

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The main emphasis of living with her in an understanding way is to relate to her from your own **reverence** for the Lord—from your own walk with God by what you know of God and His will for you in Christ Jesus.

Guys, we are **not** called to cluelessness!

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The most critical knowledge you hold about faithfully dwelling with your wife comes from:

- Your own relationship with the Lord
- Your own understanding and application of God's will about marriage, revealed to you in the Bible.

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You sacrificially love and cherish her by applying God's transforming work of grace in **your** heart to **her** heart.



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*"For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust."*

(Psalm 103:14)

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This weakness is **not** an inferiority to us as a lesser person. We know that Scripture teaches spiritual equality and value between men and women in God's sight (Galatians 3:26-29).

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A husband serves his wife from the knowledge that she is **precious** to God. She is not perfect; she is precious. The main idea is that you use your manliness to protect what is precious to God.

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The companionship of gracious womanhood is the most beautiful, most powerful, most honoring blessing to godly manhood on earth, and **redeemed** men are gifted by God's grace to most enjoy that magnificent blessing of God's heart to men.

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Perhaps the most effective and God-honoring way we can battle the aberrant ideology of feminism is for Jesus-loving husbands to honor their wives in Jesus' way.

You humbly and graciously serve your wife as to her frame, her femininity, and now...

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This is the best way for you to keep your authority in check as a husband. Your love for Christ flows into love for her, which then follows in your honor for her.

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To *show her honor* is to give to her what she is due given the high value, or the **precious** value she has to God.

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**“honor”** = of high value, high price, or to revere

You render to your wife the honor your own reverence for God demands as you learn to value what He values.

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