

## Read 1 Peter 3:1-6

Story: Ever justify your disobedience or disrespect by another's actions?

**1. Every Christian** – “Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup>or to governors”

- **REASON:** To bring about God’s purposes of preserving society and to silence those who hurt society. (preserves societies)
- **CAUTION:** **smaller authorities to don’t justify your disobedience**

**2. Servants** - “be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust.”

- **REASON:** suffering justly for doing good and remaining obedient and respectful reveals a gracious life that is Christ-centered (preserves you and those with you)
- **CAUTION:** **Having an unjust master does not justify your disobedience/disrespect**

**3. Wives** - be subject to your own husbands, *(similarities in a very different circumstance)*  
*so that even if some do not obey the word,*

*they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives  
when they see your respectful and pure conduct.*

- **REASON:** Preserves your husband and your marriage
- **CAUTION:** **Don’t let your husbands unbelief justify your obedience and respect**

## How does a wife be subject to her husband and live in a Christ-centered way to him?

Do not let your adorning be external

- The braiding of hair, the wearing of gold, or the putting on of clothing

Let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart

- with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit,
  - which in God's sight is very precious.

For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves

- by submitting to their husbands,
- as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord.
- Explain: Genesis 3:16

## Application

This passage helps us look forward to marriage and the preparing for marriage... dating

Dating is essentially your practicing falling in love... warning be careful how you practice.

Be very caution who you LET YOURSELF fall in love with

- Is it an external thing or internal thing... other words is it about the gospel or the world
- Can you explain how beautiful they are spiritually or do you find yourself always having to make excuses for them?
- Girls... is that guy someone you can submit to and are his life, choices and patterns something you want to follow? Can he, does he, and will he lead you to Jesus?
- Guys... is that girl someone who will follow to as you go to Jesus? Is she just as attractive spiritually inside? Does she spend as much time groom her heart as her hair?

