

CHANGE YOUR HUSBAND BY FAITH

1 Peter 3:1-6

A DESTRUCTIVE APPROACH

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- ❶ _____ - *they don't work.*
(1 Peter 3:1, Proverbs 9:13)

- ❷ _____ - *it won't last.*
(1 Peter 3:3-4, Proverbs 31:30)

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4 Powerful Descriptions - The changed woman is...

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(1 Peter 3:1, Ephesians 5:22-24)

- ❷ _____ *in her conduct.*
(1 Peter 3:2 ESV, Ephesians 5:33, Proverbs 12:4)

- ❸ _____ *and* _____ *in her approach.*
(1 Peter 3:4, Proverbs 27:15)

- ❹ _____ *focused on God.*
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1. If you were to suggest to the average person that a wife should be submissive to her husband, what do you think they would say? What are some popular theories about submission?

2. Submission is one of those things that can be hard to talk about and even harder to practice, yet Jesus tells us to submit to one another. Fortunately, the Bible gives us some instruction on what it looks like to put someone else's needs above our own. Read Ephesians 5:25-33 and Philippians 2:5-11 and take some notes on how we can "imitate" God's love and Christ's attitude.

Christ's love for the church is not just a great example of submission, it also shows how it was meant to be a model of how men should love their wives. What are some things that keep people today from truly loving others in this extreme way?

3. Read 1 Peter 2:13-3:22. How does suffering and the example of Jesus relate to husband and wife roles.

4. What is the real motivation behind a wife showing respect to her husband? See Eph. 5:22-24, 33.

5. Ephesians 5:22f comes after Ephesians 5:18. Why is this significant?

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