

# Sermon Guide

## 1 Peter 3:1-12



► 1 Peter 3:1-7 discusses proper social conduct for wives and husbands. Are there any marriages in particular that you admire or look up to? What do you admire about these relationships?

► Unfortunately, verses 1-6 have been misused by Christians to justify abusive relationships. If you are familiar with this misuse, in what ways do these

experiences color your perception of the text?

Read [1 Peter 3:1-12](#)

1. What does it mean for a wife to submit to her husband?
2. How can God use the spouse of an unbeliever?
3. In what ways can a husband be considerate of his wife and treat her with respect?
4. Is Peter advocating that spouses stay in cruel situations or that wives never say no?
5. What does it mean to “seek peace and pursue it”(v. 11)? How does it apply to God? Others? Society?

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► If you are married, how can you better model your marriage after Peter’s instructions? How can you build your marriage on voluntary submission and consideration?

► How can you model verses 8-9 in your own life?

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- 1 Peter 3:9 (NIV) states, “Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.” Despite living in a harsh and hostile world, Peter instructed believers to choose to be a blessing to others. In doing this, the Gospel shined all the more brightly in a dark world. Listen to the song, sing along, and/or read the lyrics of “[The Blessing](#)” by John Waller. The lyrics state, “Cause our blessings and curses are choices. Will we build up? Tear down? The moment of truth is now.” We can choose to build up or tear down others in each moment of every relationship we have. May we choose to be a blessing unto others for all of our days.