



Women of Hope

Lesson Five • 1 Peter 3:1-6

Peter's Challenge to Women Sojourners

To live as women of HOPE in your marriage!

*For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands,
1 Peter 3:5 (ESV)*

How to Influence Your Husband to Christ-like Change as a Woman of Hope

1. Abandon Strategies that Disappoint in Influencing Your Husband to Christ-like Change!

Three Strategies Wives Are Tempted to Use, but Disappoint

- Words don't work. *1 Peter 3:1*
- Beauty won't last. *1 Peter 3:3*
- Liberation can't deliver. *1 Peter 3:5-6*

2. Focus On GOD'S Strategy in Influencing Your Husband to Christ-like Change!

A Powerful Portrait of a Woman of Hope

- A woman of hope is SUBMISSIVE to her husband.

Likewise you wives, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, 1 Peter 3:1

What Submission Means

"Submission is the divine calling of a wife to honor and affirm her husband's leadership and help carry it through according to her gifts. It's the disposition to follow a husband's authority and an inclination to yield to his leadership."
~John Piper

What Submission Does Not Mean

- 1) Submission does not mean agreeing with EVERYTHING your husband says.
- 2) Submission does not mean leaving your BRAIN or your will at the wedding altar.
- 3) Submission does not mean avoiding every effort to CHANGE your husband.
- 4) Submission does not mean putting your husband's will BEFORE Christ's will.
- 5) Submission does not mean getting your personal, spiritual STRENGTH primarily from your husband.

- A woman of hope is CHASTE in her conduct.

When they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear. 1 Peter 3:2

- A woman of hope is GODLY in her character.

But let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible ornament of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. 1 Peter 3:4

The Power of a Wife's Inner Beauty to Influence Her Husband

1. Inner beauty is PERSUASIVE with your husband.
2. Inner beauty is PERMANENT over time.
3. Inner beauty is PRECIOUS to God.
4. Inner beauty is PROVEN to work.

Will you live as a Woman of HOPE or Woman of FEAR?

Will you live as a woman who hopes in God when it comes to influencing your husband to Christ-like change?

As Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror. 1 Peter 3:6