



Groups

HOLY LIVING 7

I Peter 3:1-7

Life Group Study Guide

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Connect:

- ◆ If your group has guests or new members take some time to make sure everyone knows each other.
- ◆ What has been a high and low point in everyone's life in the last week?

Scripture:

*¹Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands **so that**, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, ²when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. ³Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. ⁴Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. ⁵For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands, ⁶like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.*

*⁷Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, **so that** nothing will hinder your prayers.*

I Peter 3:1-7 (NIV)

Grow:

- ◆ Read I Peter 3:1-7.
- ◆ When we read these verses we often miss the main point and focus upon secondary points Peter was discussing. Peter's main point in these verses is consistent with what he discussed in the first two chapters of I Peter. Let's focus our discussion upon Peter's main points.
 - ☉ Why does Peter tell wives to be submissive to their husband? (see verse 1b)
 - ☉ Why does Peter tell husbands to be considerate of their wives? (see verse 7c)
 - ☉ How can the attitude of a wife help her husband come to believe in the truth of Jesus Christ? What are some obstacles a wife can

- encounter as she attempts to demonstrate Jesus through her behavior and attitude?
- Who is a husband focused upon if he does not treat his wife with respect?
 - How can a husband's prayers be hindered if he does not treat his wife with respect.
 - These verses talk about husbands and wives but are there principles that can be learned by someone who is single?
 - ◆ Peter's use of the word 'weaker' in verse 7 is not intended to diminish women but to build a case for encouraging husbands to respect their wives. Verse 7 in the NLT says "...*but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life.*" Peter leaves no room for husbands to be abusive or to think they have a right to look down on their wives thoughts and feelings.
 - Read I John 3:18-19
 - What attitudes are required to show respect to someone? Why is that sometimes so difficult?
 - How can showing respect and honor to someone help win them to Christ? How can showing dishonor and disrespect to someone hurt your focus upon God? (*if you haven't noticed I Peter causes these questions to be raised many times...*)
 - ◆ How are you doing at living your life focused upon Jesus Christ and others instead of yourself?
 - ◆ Peter has an expectation that all Christians are spending time with God in prayer. Is there anything that is hindering your prayers?

Prayer:

- ◆ Spend a few moments gathering prayer requests from your group.
- ◆ Confidently go into the throne room of God in prayer.
- ◆ Ask God to give us a heart for the people who have yet to come to know Him through Jesus Christ.

Preparation for Next Time:

- ◆ Read I Peter 3:8-12