HOLY WIVES

1 Peter 3:1-6 "1 Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own 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, 2 when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. 3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. 4 Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gently and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. 5 For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their husbands, 6 like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear." (NIV)

1. RESPECT your husband's role as leader in your family.

1 Peter 3:1 "Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands …".

1 Peter 3:1-2 "1 In the same way, you wives must accept the authority of your husbands …". (NLT)

2. RESOLVE to live a godly life.

1 Peter 3:3-4 "3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. 4 Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gently and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight."

WHY?

a. It is the METHOD to bringing husbands to Christ.

1 Peter 3:1-2 "1 … so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, 2 when they see the purity and reverence of your lives."

b. It is the biblical MODEL for godly wives.

1 Peter 3:5-6 "5 For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their husbands, 6 like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear."

HOLY HUSBANDS

1 Peter 3:7 "Husbands, 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." (NIV)

1. Show your wife CONSIDERATION.

1 Peter 3:7 "Husbands, in the same way **be considerate** as you live with your wives …"

1 Peter 3:7 "In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. **Treat your wife with understanding** as you live together." (NLT)

2. Show your wife ADMIRATION.

1 Peter 3:7 "… and treat them with **respect** …"

WHY?

a. Because your wife is VULNERABLE.

1 Peter 3:7 "… as the weaker partner …".

b. Because she is your EQUAL.

1 Peter 3:7 "… as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life …"

Galatians 3:28 "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave or free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (NIV)

c. Because if you don't, you will receive God's DISAPPROVAL.

1 Peter 3:7 "… so that nothing will hinder your prayers." (NIV)

BOTTOM LINE

Ephesians 5:21-6:9 "21 **Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ**. 22 **Wives**, submit yourselves to your own husband as you do to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, His body, of which He is the Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. 25 **Husbands**, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to Himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 28 In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no one ever hated their own body, but the feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—30 for we are members of His body. 31 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' 32 This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. 33 However, each one of you must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. 6:1 **Children**, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 'Honor your father and mother'—which is the first commandment with a promise.—3'so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.' 4 **Fathers**, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. 5 **Slaves**, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. 6 Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. 7 Serve whole heartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, 8 because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slaves or free. 9 And **masters**, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that He who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with Him." (NIV)

Colossians 3:18-4:1 "18 Wives, submit yourselves to your husband, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. 20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. 22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, work at it with all of your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord you are serving. 25 Anyone who does wrong will repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism. 4:1 Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven."

Holy households humbly SUBMIT and SERVE one another because that is what our SAVIOR did for us!