

GREG'S NOTES

A NEW BEGINNING TEACHING OUTLINES

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HOW TO GET A NEW HUSBAND

1 Peter 3:1-6

Marriage should last for as long as each person is alive. Sadly, so many marriages fall apart when one person decides to leave for another, like they were trading in a car. Instead of trading in, we should be thinking about restoration—restoring our marriages to the way God intended. There are three principles in 1 Peter 3 that can help you turn your husband into a new man—and that includes bringing a non-believing man to faith.

PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES

1. **Let your beauty be primarily inward (but don't neglect the outward).** The Bible doesn't condemn women who dress nicely (see Proverbs 31:25). What Peter speaks of in this passage are women who dress in a way that calls attention to their bodies, their wealth, etc. They put so much effort into dressing up the exterior that they neglect the interior. Rather, there needs to be a balance between maintaining your outward appearance and inwardly becoming a true woman of God. Don't just be beautiful on the outside; be beautiful on the inside too.
2. **As much as possible, submit.** It's important to keep in mind that the biblical view of submission is different than the world's view. Submission doesn't mean the wife must disregard her feelings and obey her husband only. Paul wrote that the wife should submit to her husband "as to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:22). She should yield to her husband and submit, wherever possible. The exception is if she is asked to do something unscriptural. The husband's authority is not greater than God's.
3. **Reach him more through your actions than your words.** This is a good principle for all believers when sharing the gospel. There is a place for preaching, but there is also a place for living it out. You don't need to lay down the law every day with your spouse. They need to see it lived out in your life. Instead of picking on the things he does wrong, encourage him on the things he is doing right. You will build up a person far more by encouraging them than you will by nagging them.

RELEVANT REMINDERS

Verse 4 says that women should be known for "a gentle and quiet spirit." This doesn't mean silence, but a lack of harshness or agitation. A wife has the God-given right and responsibility to set her husband straight if he is wrong. But she should and needs to do this in a loving way, cultivating the peace of God in her life, and not in a pushy way.

APPLICABLE ACTIONS

Simply put, the world has its ideas of how a marriage should be. Through the Bible, God has revealed His design for marriage. Are you going to let the world dictate how you conduct your marriage, or are you going to let God? God's way works, and He will bless you and help you to be the wife He wants you to be.