

# Extreme Makeover – Family Edition

## Part Ten

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Last week we looked at Peter's advice to Christian husbands whose wives were either unsaved or living in disobedience to God's Word. But what about a Christian wife in this same situation? What recourse does she have? What \_\_\_\_\_ does she have to bring about a real change in a husband who does not accept the gospel or does not live in obedience to the Word of God? That is what Peter describes in verses 1-6.

#### I. What \_\_\_\_\_ To Do – vs. 1,3

Peter describes a specific type of behavior as being counter-productive in bringing any kind of positive change to an unbelieving and disobedient husband: \_\_\_\_\_, **arguing**, \_\_\_\_\_, **criticizing** and all non-verbal attempts to \_\_\_\_\_ him.

Why is this?

- Prov. 14:1: *“The wise woman builds her house, but the foolish tears it down with her own hands.”*
- Prov. 9:13: *“The woman of folly is boisterous. She is naïve and knows nothing.”*
- Prov. 21:9: *“It is better to live in a corner of a roof than in a house shared with a contentious woman.”*
- Prov. 12:4: *“An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who shames him is like rotteness in his bones.”*

#### II. What To Do – vs. 1-6

What does Peter admonish wives to do? One main principle: **Win him over by an inner \_\_\_\_\_ produced by the Holy Spirit**. There are several words that Peter uses here in this passage that describe what this inner beauty looks like; how it expresses itself:

##### A. \_\_\_\_\_ – vs.1

Peter says, *“In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands...”* Note a few things about this word 'submission':

- In the Greek language, this word is in the \_\_\_\_\_ voice. This is something that the wife is to do \_\_\_\_\_.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ for submission in the home is seen in the relationship between Jesus Christ and God the Father. Jesus is not \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father in any way. Yet, when Jesus came to this earth, He willingly placed Himself under the authority of the Father. Philippians 2:5-8 says, *“Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”*
- A word of warning to husbands.
- A word of warning to wives.

##### B. \_\_\_\_\_ and respectful – vs. 2

Verse two reads, “*As they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.*” The word ‘chaste’ can also be translated ‘\_\_\_\_\_’. What is Peter talking about?

What kind of impression does this make on the husband?

**C. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ spirit – vs. 3,4**

He says, “*Your adornment must not be merely external – braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.*” Peter is basically saying that there are two ways that a Christian wife might try to win over her husband – through outer beauty or through inner beauty.

1. Outer beauty

What is wrong with depending upon outer beauty?

2. Inner beauty

What is inner beauty? Inner beauty is simply the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ shining out through a person, being shown through her sweet \_\_\_\_\_, her godly \_\_\_\_\_ and actions, even her countenance. It is described by Peter in verse four as ‘*a gentle and quiet spirit*’. Gentle is another word for ‘\_\_\_\_\_’. An illustration of meekness:

What does Peter say about this inner beauty?

- It is \_\_\_\_\_ – vs. 1

This is not a \_\_\_\_\_; it is a promise that you will no longer be a \_\_\_\_\_, but a \_\_\_\_\_ in this process.

- It is \_\_\_\_\_ – vs. 4

It is \_\_\_\_\_, as opposed to outer beauty, which \_\_\_\_\_ over time.

- It is \_\_\_\_\_ – vs. 4

Peter says in verse four that, in the eyes of God, it is \_\_\_\_\_.