

Sermon Study Guide –

1 Peter 3:1-7

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Title: **“Wives and Husbands”**

Sermon Idea: Ambassadors for Jesus represent Him in this chaotic world by submitting to governing authorities – even unjust ones.

Key Points:

Wives:

1. Live a respectful life in the culture God places you in. vv.1-2
2. Focus on wearing a Christ-like Spirit. Vv.3-4
3. Walk by faith in God, not fear of circumstances. Vv.5-6

Husbands:

4. Cherish your wife. V.7
5. Protect her vulnerabilities. V.7
6. Honor her as a spiritual equal in Christ. V.7

What do I want people to know? I want people to know that we are ambassadors of the kingdom of God called to make Christ known. To do that, we must maintain our personal integrity in the world by having marriages of mutual love and respect.

What do I want people to do? I want people to (1) consider the marriage conference, (2) seriously study your spouse, and (3) pray together.

What need am I addressing? I am addressing the need to live lives that honor God in the midst of a pagan society.

Recommended Resources: *“The Meaning of Marriage,”* Tim Keller; *“Boundaries in Marriage,”* Henry Cloud and John Townsend

Intro: Describe a Christian marriage you’ve seen that you admire. What stands out?

Dig:

Day 1: 1 Peter 3:1-7 addresses wives and husbands. How would you summarize each person’s responsibility in the marriage?

Day 2: 1 Timothy 2:9-10 is a parallel command to women about their dress. What is Paul’s point? Why is this a big deal?

Day 3: Matthew 11:29 and 21:5 call Jesus “gentle” just as wives are called to be. How does this direct wives in their attitudes toward their husbands?

Day 4: Ephesians 5:25-33 describes the Lord’s directions to husbands. What does it mean for the husband to love their wives?

Day 5: Colossians 3:19 is also addressed to husbands. What is added here?

Apply:

- Invest in your marriage. Consider going to a marriage enrichment conference.
- Keep a notebook on your spouse and make him/her your lifelong study!
- Make it a priority to pray regularly with your spouse – seeking God and His will together.

Pray: Father God, it is an honor to represent You in this secular environment. Whether I’m single or married, teach me to hold marriage in high esteem – if I’m single to encourage my married friends, if I’m married to carry out my God-given responsibility in reverence of You. Amen!
