



FRESH ENCOUNTER

PRIORITIES IN SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIPS

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"Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; 2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. 3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; 4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. 5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: 6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. 7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered. 8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:" (1 Peter 3:1-8)

INTRODUCTION

- Author: Apostle Peter written from "Babylon" - scribe was Silvanus & in company with Mark (1 Pet 5:12-13)
* location could be actual Babylon or spiritual "Babylon" (Rome)
- He wrote to the strangers (pilgrims, sojourners) of the dispersed Jews (1:1)
* Christian Jews are among the elect
- Christians walking in God's Holy Spirit will also show His Spirit in their life

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;" (Ephesians 5:18)

1. THE PRIORITY OF

A GODLY Testimony (v. 1)

A. The Testimony of a Surrendered will (v. 1a)

husband
(CEO)
wife
(VP)
organized
family
structure

"But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God." (1 Corinthians 11:3)

"Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God." (Ephesians 5:21)

"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." (Proverbs 15:1)

B. The Testimony of A Godly lifestyle (v. 1b)

LIVING BY DYING TO SELF

Jesus
increases
in your
life

"He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30)

LIVING BY GOD'S PRECEPTS

"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4)

God's
spirit
renews
inner
person

"That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;" (Ephesians 4:22-23)

2. THE PRIORITY OF

A SPIRITUAL Heart (v. 3-4)

A. Outward Beauty Is corruptible (temporary, soon fades)

"The gold and apparel, They will decay; but the internal ornament is ever enduring." (1 Peter 3:4) every woman ages

Quote: "As for beauty, one of its most potent charms lies in its modest unconsciousness; it is greatly marred when accompanied by vanity."—

C.H. Spurgeon

"But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7)

B. Inward Beauty Is eternal

"For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:" (Romans 7:22)

Saying, "Beauty fades, & dumb is forever."
Remember: beauty of inner person

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."
(Proverbs 4:23)

Quote: "Outside cleanliness, whether the product of zeal or complacency does not impress our Lord. With relentless penetration, He intends to deal with the filth we try to keep hidden beneath the surface."

—Dr. Larry Crabb

3. THE PRIORITY OF

A RESPECTFUL Manner (behavior) (v. 7-9)

A. To Whom Do We Give honor ? (v. 7)

heirs
together

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."
(Philippians 2:3-4)

husband
has more
muscle
strength

B. How Do We Express honor ?

COMPASSION - co laborers together

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." (Hebrews 4:15)

remember Christ's compassion for the crowds

LOVE

"Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them."

(Colossians 3:19) remember each other's needs

PITY

Quote: "It's wise to remember that anger is just one letter short of danger."—Sam Ewing

Quote: "The moment I start hating a man I become his slave. I can't enjoy my work anymore, because he controls my thoughts. My resentments produce stress hormones in my body and I become fatigued after only a few hours of work."

"Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. 15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. 16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. 17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." (Romans 12:14-18)

Be & have a similar mind with blessings & rejoicing or weeping when appropriate
*live peaceably with all people as much as possible

COURTESY

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." (Ephesians 4:31-32)

BLESSING

CONCLUSION

- = showing courtesy with:
 - * kindness
 - * forgiving
 - * showing a tender heart
- = giving a blessing
 - * doing good
 - * not giving "tit for tat"
 - x no retaliation
 - x not looking for vengeance

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