



CROSSWINDS
ANCIENT BEAUTY FOR THE MODERN WOMAN

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1 PETER 3:1-7

MAIN IDEA

A woman who submits to and supports her husband and cares for her spirit not just her body, is truly beautiful.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What do you think are the most significant differences between men and women?

Why do you think God created us with prescribed roles in marriages? How are those roles similar? How are they different?

Are there any marriages you look up to or admire? What is it about those marriages that makes them admirable?

> READ EPHESIANS 5:21-24

How would you define submission? Why does the word tend to stir up controversy?

Submission is the divine calling of a wife to surrender her rights and will to Christ, which enables her to place herself willingly under her husband's leadership. Based on this definition, what are some checkpoints that help wives know if they are being obedient to this calling?

The Bible's teaching on submission in the context of marriage can easily be taken out of context and abused. Now that we have discussed what submission is, share some examples of what submission isn't.

How does the church submit to Christ? Wives, how might this help you submit to your husbands?

Kurt said, "a wife's submission is a position of power, not weakness." What did he mean by that? How might God use the submissive heart of a godly wife for His kingdom purposes?

> READ 1 PETER 3:1-6

Why did Peter encourage women to adorn themselves with "a gentle and quiet spirit" rather than gold jewelry? What does this have to do with submission?

Briefly discuss the illustration of Sarah's submission to Abraham (vv. 3-6). What example did Sarah set?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How is Jesus' work on the cross an example of submission for us? What can we learn from His example?

How does a relationship centered on sacrificial love and submission reflect the gospel? How can you and your spouse keep these ideas as a common part of your marriage?

What is one step you could take this week to strengthen your marriage? How might we as a group encourage each other to honor Christ in our marriages?