

Marriage Part I: "It Doesn't Have to be that Way"

1 Peter 3:1-7

I. An Ideal Example

1 Pet 3:5-6

II. A Work in Progress

A) Debunking the myth of the "perfect" wife

- 1) She was manipulating the promise of God out of unbelief and discontentment see Gen 16:2
- 2) She takes an unwise leadership role that is not sanctioned by God see Gen 16:2
- 3) She blamed Abraham for Hagar's attitude see Gen 16:5
- 4) She wasn't always "saintly" and kind as might be implied from 1 Pet 3:5-6 see Gen 16:6
- 5) Rather than trusting God she mocks His love and power Gen 18:12

B) Debunking the myth of the "perfect" husband see Genesis 12:11-13

- 1) Abraham was cowardly - contrast with Jesus John 18:7-8
- 2) Abraham was acting in unbelief
- 3) Caved to his wife's plan to subvert God's plan see Gen 16:2
- 4) Despised God's plan of salvation

III. A Plan to be Followed

A) A Word to Wives

- 1) Be subject to your own husbands
- 2) Win over your husband w/out a word by your conduct
 - a) respectful
 - b) pure
- 3) "Hidden person of the heart"
 - a) gentle
 - b) quiet spirit

B) A Word to Husbands

- 1) An understanding way
- 2) Showing honor
 - a) verbally
 - b) actions
- 3) Co-heirs of the grace of life