**1 Peter 3:1-6 - Ancient Beauty For The Modern Woman**

**1. A wife that submits and supports her husband is beautiful.**

*Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct. 1 Peter 3:1–2 (ESV)*

*But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God. 1 Corinthians 11:3 (ESV)*

**Where did the idea of wife’s submission to the leadership of her husband originate?**

*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28 (ESV)*

*Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” Genesis 2:18 (ESV)*

*To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” Genesis 3:16 (ESV)*

**How do you answer someone who claims Galatians 3:28 takes away marital roles?**

*Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered. 1 Peter 3:7 (ESV)*

**A wife’s submission does NOT mean…**

* + - Her husband is over Christ.
		- She can’t think for herself.
		- She is to be weak or passive.

**A wife’s submission does mean…**

* + - She uses her gifts and strength for her husband’s benefit.
		- She bends her will when they don’t agree.

**What if my husband doesn’t deserve my submission?**

**A wife’s submission is a position of power, not weakness.**

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* + - Preach wordless sermons.
		- Keep your conduct respectful.
		- Keep your conduct pure.

**2. A woman that cares for her spirit, not just her body, is beautiful.**

*Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious. 1 Peter 3:3–4 (ESV)*

**Is it wrong for a woman to tend to her physical beauty?**

**What does inner beauty look like?**

* + - A Gentle Spirit
		- A Quiet Spirit

**Outer beauty fades with time. Inner beauty gets better over time.**

**Inner beauty is precious in God’s sight.**

*Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates. Proverbs 31:30–31 (ESV)*

**3. A wife filled with trust in God instead of fear is beautiful.**

*For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening. 1 Peter 3:5–6 (ESV)*

*casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7 (ESV)*

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6–7 (NIV84)*

*But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Matthew 6:30 (ESV)*