The Hidden Person of the Heart

1 Peter 3:1-7



How do we find strength to endure unjust suffering?

(prayer)



But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession,

that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)



1 Peter 3:1-7

- 1. Winning Without Words (v1-2)
- 2. Strength in Submission (v3-4)
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Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands,

1 Peter 3:1a (ESV)





Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect,

not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust

1 Peter 2:18 (ESV)



so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives

1 Peter 3:1b (ESV)



Depart, please, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest you be swept away with all their sins.

Numbers 16:26 (ESV)





when they see your respectful and pure conduct.

1 Peter 3:2 (ESV)



Does my daily life reflect God's holiness?

(outline)



Do not let your adorning be external —

the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear —

1 Peter 3:3 (ESV)





but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart

1 Peter 3:4a (ESV)



with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit

1 Peter 3:4b (ESV)



"Well-behaved women seldom make history"

Laurel Thatcher Ulrich



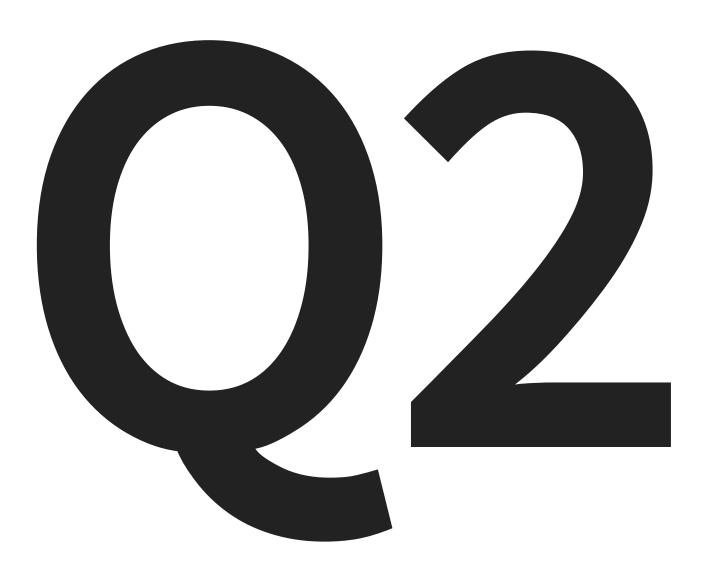


with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit,

which in God's sight is very precious.

1 Peter 3:4b-c (ESV)





(outline)



For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves,

1 Peter 3:5a (ESV)





When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten,

> but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly

> > 1 Peter 2:23 (ESV)



by submitting to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord.

1 Peter 3:5b-6a (ESV)



For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer.

1 Peter 3:12 (ESV)







And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.

1 Peter 3:6b (ESV)



Have no fear of them, nor be troubled

1 Peter 3:14 (ESV)







Who are the mothers in the faith I can learn from?

(outline)





Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way,

1 Peter 3:7a (ESV)





showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel,

1 Peter 3:7b (ESV)



On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,

23 and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor,

> and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty

> > 1 Corinthians 12:22-23 (ESV)



showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel,

1 Peter 3:7b (ESV)



since they are heirs with you of the grace of life

1 Peter 3:7c (ESV)



so that your prayers may not be hindered.

1 Peter 3:7c (ESV)



How do I treat those weaker than myself?

