

Alien Marriage
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1 Peter 3:1-7 (NIV) Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives,² when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.³ Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes.⁴ Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.⁵ For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands,⁶ like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.⁷ Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

A faithful spouse is a living testimony of grace.

- **Focus on a kingdom agenda for one another.**
- **Live in light of pleasing God, not inspiring man.**

Focus on spiritual roles.

Submission + Respect = Spiritual synergy

Living in light of your spouse's spiritual maturity benefits both of you.

Commit to being a living portrait of the Gospel.

Ephesians 5:25-32 (NIV) Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,²⁷ and to present her to Himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—³⁰for we are members of His body.³¹ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Your marriage is a temporary portrait of an eternal reality.