

Living With Your wife in an Understanding Way

1 Peter 3:7

I. You Must Submit to God by Being Considerate of Your Wife

A. Submission is for husbands too!

1. **Citizens** must **submit** to the **government** (1 Pet. 2:13-17)
2. **Servants** must **submit** to their **masters** (1 Pet. 2:18-20)
3. **Wives** must **submit** to their **husbands** (1 Pet. 3:1-6)
4. _____ must **submit** to **God** in their marriages to their wives (1 Pet. 3:7)

B. You need to _____ your wife

1. You need to know key _____ from your wife's past
2. You need to know the _____ of your wife in the present
3. You need to know that your wife will _____ in the future

II. You Must See Her Weakness as an Opportunity for Chivalry Not Mockery

A. What does "_____ vessel" refer to?

1. _____ capacity?
2. _____ stability?
3. _____ maturity?
4. _____ strength

B. What are some ways I can _____ my wife?

1. To _____ your wife with the conveniences of life

2. To _____ time from your work or hobby to spend time with her
3. To _____ her around the house in ways that will make her life easier
4. To _____ kind words to build her up into the woman God has called her to be
5. To _____ up to take her on dates, buy gifts, and to go on vacation

III. You Must Share All of Life Together as Co-heirs with Christ

A. How can you _____ as a fellow heir of the grace of life?

1. _____ to your wife and provide for her (Jn. 2:1-10)
2. _____ your wife and cover her sin (Jn. 8:1-11)
3. _____ with your wife and honor her emotions (Jn. 11:32-36)

B. What _____ if you don't live with your wife in an understanding way?

1. Your prayers will be _____
2. The _____ will not be put on display

TAKE HOME:

- Is learning about your wife and discovering new things about her a _____ for you or a drudgery?
- Is being chivalrous more about you and your _____ or about your wife and showing her honor?
- Is the gospel _____ in how you share life with your wife or is it tarnished by your lack of grace as you run the race?
- What ways can you learn to _____ your wife a little more like fine china, instead of like a man mug?