

## How to Win Your Husband to The Lord

*1 Peter 3:1-7 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; 2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. 3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; 4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. 5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: 6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. 7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.*

In our society today we have so many sad and divided homes. Children are often torn between following mom's example and their father's example. Children are often forced to make decisions in their lives that they should never have to make because of the inconsistency of parenthood.

It is a real shame when a child has to ask his parents if they are all going to church today. Then, they have to make a decision as to which church to attend because often one has one faith and the other another. This only causes confusion in the home and we know that, *1 Cor 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.*

*1 Cor 7:15 ...God hath called us to peace*

*Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*

I want to be a help to you tonight, by teaching you from God's Holy Word, how you can win your spouse to Jesus Christ.

First of all, there are some things a wife should never do:

1. Don't try to drive, or push him to Christ.
2. Don't be too Pharisaical (act like you have arrived and no one meets up to your standards).
3. Never talk about all his faults to other Christians.
4. Don't expose him in the presence of others (Bro. Leo Varela say's it best, "Is nothing sacred anymore?")
5. Don't always be threatening him, (giving ultimatums).

### The way a wife may do her part in winning her husband to the Lord is:

#### **I. By showing him all due respect and consideration.**

a. By being in subjection to him.

*1 Peter 3:1 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;*

**Subjection:** The state of being under the power, control and government of another.

It is by God's design that the woman is to be in subjection unto her husband. It is part of the curse.

*Gen 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.*

*Eph 5:22-24 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.*

You might argue, “but my husband isn’t a godly man, he doesn’t obey the Bible!” What does our text say again? It is in reference to a lost or ungodly man, those who obey not the Word!

- b. By your conversation. This is not just a reference to the words that come out of our mouths, but as the Websters 1828 Dictionary says, “our general course of manners; behavior; deportment; especially as it respects morals.”

## **II. By leaving off worldly show and vanity.**

People are constantly putting on a show for others, whether it is “trying to keep up with the Jones,” or acting more spiritual than we really are.

*1 Peter 3:3-4 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;*

*1 Sam 16:7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.*

*Matt 23:27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.*

*2 Cor 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.*

God is not as much impressed with our outward show as much as he is our inward heart.

Often, people can’t tell the difference, but God can.

## **III. By heavenly adornment.**

*1 Peter 3:4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.*

You will never win your spouse to the Lord if you are a grouch and a nag, always getting on your husband’s case! No wonder he wants a night out with the guys!

*Prov 25:24 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.*

When you have a meek and quiet spirit or demeanor, your husband can’t help but notice, even if he won’t admit it out loud.

Ladies... He makes the living, and you make life worth living!

## **IV. By following the example of old fashion, holy women of God.**

*1 Peter 3:5-6 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: 6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.*

It is my desire for all of our ladies to attend the ladies’ seminar that we are hosting here in June. Who do you suppose I am going to have in to teach ladies how to be good wives? Holy Women with old fashion Bible beliefs!

Women shouldn’t be interested in patterning their lives after the women of the world. Your desire should be patterned after the godly women of the Bible. Godliness should never be “out of style.”

*Jer 6:16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.*

Some things are referred to in the Bible as “doctrines of devils,” and “foolishness.” But the Bible tells us to make sure we follow after “sound doctrine,” that won’t lead us in the wrong direction.

*Titus 2:1-5 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: 2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. 3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; 4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.*

Look to good, godly women to be your teachers and companions, and follow their example in the way they act, speak, dress, treat their husbands, etc. Sound doctrine is good sound advice!

#### **V. By not compromising with him on worldly things.**

*Col 3:16-18 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. 18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.*

- a. First of all, create a good atmosphere in the home, with singing and good music. The wife really sets the tone in the home. If you are cheerful, chances are the rest of the family will be too. Remember, “If mama ain’t happy, ain’t nobody happy!” Very True!
- b. Be thankful and grateful for all that the lord has done for you. Remember that things could always be worse.
- c. Be submissive, but remember, God also gave you a brain and a head to use. You are nobody’s slave! If your husband tells you to do something that is wrong or illegal, you are not obligated to obey him. It is never right to do wrong.  
Let the Lord handle him, as in the story of Nabal and Abigail his wife (1 Sam. 25).

#### **VI. By living a holy life before him.**

- a. Your husband may dodge the preacher and other Christians by not going to church and avoiding them in the grocery store, but he cannot avoid a holy life! You are a constant testimony to him that he sees each and every day of his life.
- b. Even when he refuses to listen, he can still see God working in and through you!  
*1 Cor 7:12-17 If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. 13 And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. 14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy. 15 But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace. 16 For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife? 17 But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches.*

#### **VII. By not giving up on winning him to Christ.** Trust God in His promises.

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*Gal 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*

Keep calling his name out to God in prayer! God says...

*Ps 126:5-6 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.*