

# PREPARED TO LIVE IN VICTORY: HOW THE HUSBAND GIVES HONOR

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1 Pet. 3:7

**"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."**

## I. REVIEW AND INTRODUCTION

- A. Peter has given a chain of exhortations regarding the subjection of the citizens, the servants, the wives and now he addresses the husbands to speak to them about the way in which they should treat their wives.

**1 Pet. 2:11 "Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul."**

- B. Husbands are also strangers and pilgrims, which means that while we live in this world we are more influenced by our expectations of the Lord and His kingdom than by how the world views marriage.

- C. So when he says "**Likewise**" he is talking about that together with the other instances in which we have to function and for the Lord's sake as men we submit to the institution of marriage in the role of husbands that God assigned us..

- D. "**showing honor**" Giving honor is a commandment for everyone in our relationships.

**1 Pet. 2:17 "Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor."**

- E. In the case of husbands, giving honor to women implies knowing what their nature is, that they are a "**weaker vessel**." What does it mean that they are "**heirs with you of the grace of life**" and what does all this have to do with our prayers not being hindered.

- F. When he says, "**live with them with understanding**" he means that we must understand what our wives are like in order to live with them properly. Before coming to Christ we were ignorant in many aspects but now we have knowledge and we apply it to all areas of our lives including our marriage.

**1 Pet. 1:14 "As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance."**

**1 Thes. 4:4-5 "hat each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, s not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God."**

## II. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT HANDCUFFS ARE A MORE WEAKER VESSEL?

- A. Obviously, the fact that they are more fragile does not mean that they are inferior because both men and women are vessels in which God deposits His glory.

**2 Cor. 4:7** *"But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us."*

- B. God gave us men a different kind of strength to protect our wives, so when we honor them we consider the areas where they are most fragile and then we protect, provide and lead them just as Christ does the Church.

**Eph. 5:23-29** *"For the husband is the head of the wife [leadership-initiative] even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior...<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her [he serves her and of himself],<sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word...<sup>28</sup> In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.<sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it [provision and protection], just as Christ does the church."*

## III. GIVING HONOR TO CO-HEIRESSES

- A. **"they are heirs with"** Assuming that we are both Christians, our wives and ourselves, we are heirs to the grace of life; this is something that Pedro already talked about at the beginning of the letter:

**1 Pet. 1:3-4** *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you."*

- B. Together with our wives we will receive this inheritance that is not destroyed, is not polluted and does not wither which is reserved in heaven for us. This inheritance happens because we have been born again by God the Father and now we are his children and heirs to what the Father owns which is basically everything in the universe.

**Rom. 8:17** *"and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him."*

- C. So you and the woman you live with, if she is a Christian, is also an heir with Christ and she has a magnificent dignity. When she says of the **grace of life** he is talking about the grace that will come when our inheritance arrives which will be at the Second Coming of Christ to earth.

**1 Pet. 1:13** *"Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."*

**1 Pet. 4:13** *"But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed."*

D. This glory is not only for the husband but also for the wife.

**1 Pet. 1:6-7** *"In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."*

E. **What is going to result in our trials, tribulations and our faith being tested is going to be praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.** So your wife will also receive that inheritance along with you when Jesus comes in glory to honor her because she too has trusted the Lord and waited on Him. **All of this is designed to see how we honor our wives.**

F. So man, we've only just begun to imagine the implications of this; Every night you go to bed with an heir to infinite glory. So, because she is co-heir, you admire her, esteeming her and being amazed that you got to live with her.

#### IV. SO THAT OUR PRAYERS ARE NOT HINDERED

A. **"so that your prayers may not be hindered"** If we live with this understanding our prayers will not be hindered. Prayer is a crucial part of our lives.

**1 Pet. 4:7** *"The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers."*

B. **As Peter sees the last days and God's judgment coming on the world, what rises above his other interests is that we expand a special effort at self-control and sobriety because of the effectiveness of our prayers.** Peter sees that our prayer is in danger if we are not careful in dealing with our wives. **How can our prayers be hindered?**

1. **Sin hinders our prayers:** **1 Pet. 3:12** *"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous [husbands who honor their wives], and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."*

Dishonoring your wife obstructs your relationship with God and your prayers do not reach Him.

2. **Unity in prayer is obstructed:** **Matt. 18:19** *"Again I say to you, if two of you [spouses] agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven."* If this couple's agreement is broken for not honoring the wife and stops treating her as a co-heir of the grace of life, then this promise that says that what they ask for will be done for them, is not fulfilled.

3. **A broken relationship makes it difficult for us to present ourselves before God:** When we dishonor our wives we have an argument that prevents us from freely approaching the throne of God.

**Matt. 5:23-24 "So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift."**

## **V. CONCLUSION**

- A. **The balance that the Scriptures offer us in terms of relationships between men and women is glorious because it vindicates both genders in the context of honor. Men honor women by knowing their nature and their place as co-heirs, delivering Christ-like leadership. Women, for their part, show subjection from a place of respect, purity and courage, because they do not fear threats because they have placed their hope in God (1 Pet. 3:6).**

## **VI. REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

- 1. According to what is seen in this teaching, how can men better learn to give honor to their wives?**
- 2. What should it do to a husband to know that his wife will be heir with him to the glory to come?**
- 3. Do you think there may be something that is hindering your prayers from reaching the Father?**

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- 1. AWAKEN this week July 27-29 for youth ages 13-18.** Please register at [www.housesoflight.org](http://www.housesoflight.org) or at the table outside.
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- 4. The Passion for Jesus Conference and Leadership Summit will take place September 8-10.** Please register as soon as possible at the entrance table or at [www.nhop.la](http://www.nhop.la)