

**OAK RIDGE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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**1 PETER 3: 1 – 22**

**I. What Being Good Is All About**

God is the source of all that is good! As declares, “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father . . .” (James 1:17). If God is the source of our new life in Christ, we must be living good lives and doing good things. And so Jesus said, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven” (Matt. 5:16).

John Wesley had a marvelous rule concerning being good and doing good. It was simply this:

Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.

As Peter has written about the important subjects we’ve studied thus far of “What Salvation Is all About”, and What Christian Living Is All About,” he now turns to the important subject of “What Being Good Is All About.” In doing so, he begins with the important subject of how to be a good wife.

**A. How To Be A Good Christian Wife - vss. 1 – 6**

God has chosen to live in and through the lives of His people. And for many of us, He has expressed Himself indelibly through the lives of our Christian mothers, wives and other significant women. It is to this important subject which Peter is writing. How can one be a good godly wife?

Peter shares three specific attributes of a good Christian wife which appropriate not only for the Christian wife, but for all women who would please God by their good lives.

1). The quality of conduct or behavior which is most pleasing to God. vss. 1 – 2

God calls all us to the life of holy behavior (1 Peter 1:15)

2). There is a form of *beauty* which is much higher and deeper than the outside. (vss. 3 – 4)

- inner beauty
- beauty that never fades
- spiritual beauty

3). The third attribute Peter describe is **submission**. (vss. 5 – 6)

A subject that is never popular. At the very center of our sinful nature is the deep desire to go our own way, to do our own thing, to be “number one.” The only way we can come to God is to submit to Him. But that submission is not based upon rebellion or legalism (if you will) or “doing it because we have to”

How is it done:

- Love is at the root of the Biblical understanding of submission.
- do what is right
- don't give way to fear

#### **B. How To Be A Good Husband vs. 7**

As we might have suspected, Peter does not merely speak to wives concerning how they should live, he gives some very helpful and practical advice to the husbands.

- with understanding
- give honor and respect
- hindered prayers

#### **C. Repaying Evil with Good vss. 8 – 12**

Peter now gives a summary of the qualities which we should express in our relationships with every person who comes into our lives –especially those who are brothers and sister in Christ.

- *“Be of one mind” (vs. 8)*
- *Have compassion for one another (vs. 8)*
- *“Love as brothers (and sisters) (vs. 8)*
- *“Be tenderhearted” (vs. 8)*
- *Be courteous (vs. 8)*
- *Be a blessing (vss. 9-12)*

#### **D. Sharing The Hope vss. 13 – 16**

In the previous verses, Peter has encouraged us to do good to others even when they do evil to us; in so doing, they will be blessed and we will be blessed. Peter now encourages us to share the blessings of God with others in doing so, there are three steps we should follow in sharing the good life:

- 1) *“Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts” (vs. 15)*
- 2) *“Always be ready to give a defense to everyone who ask you a reason for the hope that is in you” (vs. 15).*
- 3) *Share it with meekness and fear and a good conscience (vss. 15-16)*

### **E. Suffering For Doing Good vss. 17 – 22**

As we have seen, Peter is writing to a suffering church. Now Peter focuses upon the challenge of suffering for doing good.

The summation of Peter's teaching on the benefits of suffering for good, is found in the fourth chapter. "Therefore, let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator" (4:9). Oh bother sisters, may it be so in the lives of each of us here at Oak Ridge.....

