

A One-Verse Marriage Manual

From the heart of the apostle Peter we learn some key principles for holding a marriage together — in just one verse of the Bible — 1 Peter 3:7.

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Our Text: 1 Peter 3:7 “You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.”

Mini-Chapter #1 Marriage is a Two Person Event

1 Pet. 3:7 “You husbands likewise, live with your wives...”

Husband and wife are a unit (Ex. 26; 2 Chron. 18; Ps. 133::1; Ecc: 4:9-12; 1 Cor. 11:3)

Mini-Chapter #2. Marriage Requires Constant Attention to Details

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The Apostle Peter’s Three Reminder Calls to Husbands

Reminder #1. Pay constant attention to the fact that your wife is physically different.

1 Pet. 3:7 “ You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel...”

Reminder #2. Pay constant attention to the fact that your wife is emotionally different.

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The Ancient Law of Marital Bliss (Deut. 24:5 cf. Prov. 15:16-17; Eph 5:25-33)

Reminder #3. Pay constant attention to the fact that your wife is spiritually the same.

1 Peter 3:7 "...and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life..."
cf. Gal. 3:28; Gen.1:26-27; cf. "one another" verses

Mini-Chapter #3. Marriage is a Highly Spiritual Issue

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A Lesson From Malachi's Day (Malachi 2:13-16)

1. An appeal to your emotion: Stop forsaking..."the wife of your youth!"
2. An appeal to your intellect: Stop dealing treacherously against..."your bosom companion!"
3. An appeal to your will: Keep your vows to God concerning..."your wife by covenant!"