

1. Describe your thoughts of what makes a marriage work these days? What traits must a couple demonstrate for a marriage to thrive?
2. In 1 Peter 3:1, Peter uses the transition word "likewise." In what ways does his discussion about marriage reflect and continue the concepts from his recent discussions on citizenship and slavery? What cultural situation does Peter address here?
3. Read 1 Peter 3:1-2. Why does Peter tell wives to be subject to their husbands? How does this reflect his attention to both the cultural realities and his theological convictions?
4. Read 1 Peter 3:3-4. How are we to understand his teaching about what women should wear? What does he emphasize women ought to adorn themselves with instead of things such as hair, clothing, and jewelry? Why? What can these internal adornments look like in today's culture?
5. Read 1 Peter 3:5-6. Why does Peter use Sarah as a model for this kind of beauty and what does this teach us about how to apply these instructions in our current culture?
6. Read 1 Peter 3:7. What is unique about this exhortation as compared with Peter's earlier exhortations to citizens and slaves?
7. What does it mean for a husband to live with his wife in an understanding way? How can a husband honor his wife?
8. What reasons does Peter give for his exhortation to husbands?
9. What are the rewards, both temporal and eternal, for wives and husbands today that apply Peter's teaching? Ask God for wisdom and strength to apply these things in your marriage. If you're not married, pray for someone who is with these things in mind.