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1 Peter 2:11-17

April 6, 2025

**Monday: Reading** – 1 Peter chapter 3

**Prayer Focus** – Spend today in personal prayer. What are you in need of? What is weighing on your heart? Health concerns? Financial issues? Dealing with sin? Are there family members and friends who are lost? Pray for them by name and ask the Lord to give you more opportunities to act in love and speak with grace to them. Lay everything you are dealing with before the Lord. Put 1 Peter 5:7 into purposeful practice.

**Tuesday: Reading** – 1 Peter chapter 3. Proverbs 12:15; 21:21; 16:3; 10:8; 14:12; 3:3-4.

**Consider this** – 1 Peter 3: 1-7

In Mere Christianity, C.S.Lewis says, “The right direction leads not only to peace but to knowledge.” Maybe he is paraphrasing some of the proverbs. Read the proverbs listed above and meditate on them.

**Prayer Focus** – Keep it local. Spend today in local prayer. Remember the prayer requests and needs from Sunday (refer to your prayer list if you keep one on Sundays). Lift up the fellowship at NUBF. Pray for your pastors and elders. Pray for the workers at the church and the ministries. Pray for financial blessing so that the reach of the church can increase. Remind the Lord about what you prayed for yesterday.

**Wednesday: Reading** – 1 Peter chapter 3

**Consider this** – 1 Peter 3: 1-7.

Lewis gives examples of the statement from Monday. He says, “When a man is getting better, he understands more and more clearly the evil that is still left in him. When a man is getting worse, he understands his own badness less and less.” He gives an illustration of this idea by saying, “You understand sleep when you are awake, not when you are sleeping.” He says all of this to show the truth of his statement, “Good people know about both good and evil; bad people do not know about either.”

Think about these statements and what they imply about Peter’s comments about husbands and wives.

**Prayer Focus** – Pray for our nation. Pray for our leaders. Pray for the victims and survivors of the fires, floods, hurricanes, and other disasters. Pray that in each community the churches can come together to show the grace and love of God through helping the recovery. Remember to pray for your personal needs, and the local needs.

**Thursday: Reading** – 1 Peter chapter 3

**Consider this** – 1 Peter 3

Verses 3 and 7 include the same adverb – “likewise” (or as in the NIV– “in the same way”).

So the question to ponder here is in the same way as what? Reread chapter 2 and determine why Peter is using this language. How could his reference be taking us back to the behavior of citizens, of servants, and the example of Christ?

**Prayer Focus** – Spend today in prayer for the world. Pray for those in war zones like Ukraine and Russia, Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Sudan, and any other place you know of. Pray for our missionary partners. Pray for those in disaster areas. Pray for a united, active, and gospel preaching church all around the world. Remember to pray for your personal needs, the local needs, and our country.

**Friday: Reading** – 1 Peter chapter 3

Consider this – 1 Peter 3

The idea of submission used here by Peter has caused no small amount of controversy inside the church and outside of it. How do you respond to these words when you read them? Can you understand why some people take offense, or at least, question, the instructions here? What about the instructions to the husband? Do these instructions cause difficulty?

I have heard way more messages directed at wives with the husband mentioned as a side note, than vice-versa. In Scot McKnight's commentary, he quotes from the book *Boundaries* by Henry Cloud and John Townsend. They say, "We have never seen a "submission problem" that did not have a controlling husband at its root."

**Prayer Focus** – Spend today praying for the soon return of Christ. Pray that while Christ's coming is still in the future, God will use you to expand His kingdom. Lift up all of the needs from the week and pray for wisdom and readiness.

**Saturday: Reading** – 1 Peter chapter 3; Philippians 2: 1-13, and 1 Corinthians 14:33.

**Consider this** – 1 Peter 3

There are many issues that confront a marriage today from money problems to abuse. We cannot delve into these issues in any meaningful way on these pages. Suffice it to say that God is a God of love and we should reflect His nature in all of our relationships.

God is also a God of order and not chaos. In chapter 2 we see Peter talking to Christians about how to respond to various authorities. Peter is not supporting social anarchy by the church. All we have to do is look at our society to see the results of chaotic relationships. Families break up, children are homeless, and the divorce rate among believers is about the same as in marriages of unbelievers. How is the gospel affected when marital strife, abuse, divorce, etc., takes place within a Christian home? These things can impact a family for generations. Read the verses listed above. How can we change our relationships, our community, and our culture if we each took those verses seriously and lived by them?

**Prayer Focus** – Spend today praying for the Pastors of NUBF and the people who are making things happen on Sunday. Include the teachers, the behind-the-scenes workers, the worship team, the regular attendees, and that there will be new people who come to the service and maybe meet Jesus for the first time.

**Sunday:** Go to church with the anticipation of hearing from the Lord.

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