

1 Peter 3

from The Message

3¹⁻⁴ The same goes for you wives: Be good wives to your husbands, responsive to their needs. There are husbands who, indifferent as they are to any words about God, will be captivated by your life of holy beauty. What matters is not your outer appearance—the styling of your hair, the jewelry you wear, the cut of your clothes—but your inner disposition.

⁴⁻⁶ Cultivate inner beauty, the gentle, gracious kind that God delights in. The holy women of old were beautiful before God that way, and were good, loyal wives to their husbands. Sarah, for instance, taking care of Abraham, would address him as “my dear husband.” You’ll be true daughters of Sarah if you do the same, unanxious and unintimidated.

⁷ The same goes for you husbands: Be good husbands to your wives. Honor them, delight in them. As women they lack some of your advantages. But in the new life of God’s grace, you’re equals. Treat your wives, then, as equals so your prayers don’t run aground.

⁸⁻⁹ Summing up: Be agreeable, be sympathetic, be loving, be compassionate, be humble. That goes for all of you, no exceptions. No retaliation. No sharp-tongued sarcasm. Instead, bless—that’s your job, to bless. You’ll be a blessing and also get a blessing.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

What does it mean to have an egalitarian view of gender?

Is it a good thing to expect your partner to change?

Does the Bible endorse the idea that the man is in charge of the woman in marriage?

What happens if men don't treat their wives as equals?

Other Notes:

April Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
21	Su	Matthew 9			Exodus 16	
22	Mo	Matthew 10			Exodus 17	
23	Tu	Matthew 11			Exodus 18	
24	We	Matthew 12			Exodus 19	
25	Th	Matthew 13			Exodus 20	
26	Fr	Matthew 14			Exodus 21	
27	Sa	Matthew 15			Exodus 22	
28	Su	Matthew 16			Exodus 23	