**Husbands**

Literal translation of v. 7 could be “Husbands, live together with them *according to knowledge*.”

*A final application to Husbands:* Men must recognize his wife’s weakness as their own, a weakness on their own team and that it is good that it is there. The husband and wife are a team, and the wife brings a nurturing care and a supportive, relational skill-set that is indispensable to the family and the church.

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***Core Seminars—Marriage***

**Class 5: Hope, Fear, Knowledge &**

 **Weakness—1 Peter 3:1-7**

**Introduction**

1 Peter 3:1-7 falls within a larger section where Peter is addressing three types of people who are to follow the leadership of another: citizens following the government (2:13-17); slaves following masters (2:18-25); wives following husbands (3:1-7). Part of the point of Peter discussing these roles is to encourage *voluntary* submission in all three roles.

**Wives**

1. **Evangelism *through* Submission (vv. 1-2)**

*A word of application for wives here today*: Let your life be a witness “without words” (3:1).

*To single women*: If the goal of courtship is to find a spouse, then it does not make logical sense for a believer to date a non-Christian.

1. **Real Beauty (vv. 3-4)**

*To women:* What Peter wants you to cultivate first and foremost is an inner godliness. 1 Sam 16:7, “The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

*A word of application to husbands:* Do you lead your wives to cultivate godly character or does physical beauty matter to you much more?

*To single men*: How much time do you spend looking for an attractive wife or a godly wife or both?

*To single women*: What you win a man to will affect the shape of your relationship over the long-term.

1. **Hope vs. Fear (vv. 5-6)**

*Application for wives*: Do you ever struggle with what I would call momentary atheism? I wonder if we can say that *hope in God* also makes a wife beautiful?

*To husbands*: Think about what ways you might be leading that is actually cultivating fears in your wife.

*To single men and women*: It is a good reminder to you that you are not to put your ultimate hope in the prospect of a spouse, but in God.