

this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands (1 Pet. 3:3-5).

Because Peter links this counsel with the example of Christ, who is said to have suffered physical torture without resistance (1 Pet. 2:21-24), we need to be careful with its application. Some might be inclined to say that this also reflects the extent to which a submissive wife should endure the abuse of her husband.

Our Lord's example does not mean that a woman should endure any and all physical abuse from a man just because He allowed Himself to be nailed to a cross without going for help. Jesus did not always put Himself at the mercy of the mobs and their governors. He did not take pleasure in being beaten. He allowed Himself to be at their mercy only when He knew His suffering would bring salvation to all men and women. At other times, Christ wisely took evasive action.

What Peter wants us to see, however, is that throughout our Lord's life He showed unparalleled strength of character. He never stopped being godly just because He was living under the shadow of evil authority. He never returned evil for evil or insult for insult. He didn't because He knew that His future, His security, His hope, His provision was not found in men but in His Father.

The result was that Jesus reflected a graciousness and strength that was rooted not in passive aggressiveness but in the strength of His relationship with the Father. It is that same strength of spirit that He can now produce in any woman who chooses to find her security and example in Him.

There is no more beautiful woman than one who is clothed in the Lord Jesus Christ. She is marked by tender kindness, humility, patience, forgiveness, love, peace, joy, and thankfulness (Col. 3:12-17). None of these are sold in a clothing store. None can be bought at any price. Yet all are free to any woman who chooses to live in Christ, even as He Himself lives in her.

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A woman's beauty..

..of character is found in the person and example of Jesus Christ. He knew how to live under even the worst kind of authority and still make the best of it. Even though He was the King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus didn't insist on coming into the world in the role of a king.

The apostle Peter described Christ's ability to live under misused authority and then used His example to show what God can do in a woman.

Do not let your beauty be that outward adorning of arranging the hair, of wearing gold, or of putting on fine apparel; but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible ornament of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. For in





Our Home A Beautiful Woman

There are four key words (principles) that describe the beautiful woman in 1 Peter 3:1-6. The principles of beautiful Christian femininity are:

1. _____, 1 Peter 3:1-4, 6

(Ephesians 5:22-24) "Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

{23} For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

{24} Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything."

(Proverbs 21:9) "Better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, Than in a house shared with a contentious woman."

(Proverbs 21:19) "Better to dwell in the wilderness, Than with a contentious and angry woman."

(Proverbs 27:15) "A continual dripping on a very rainy day And a contentious woman are alike;"

(Proverbs 31:10-18) "Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. {11} The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain. {12} She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.

{13} She seeks wool and flax, And willingly works with her hands. {14} She is like the merchant ships, She brings her food from afar. {15} She also rises while it is yet night, And provides food for her household, And a portion for her maidservants. {16} She considers a field and buys it; From her profits she plants a vineyard. {17} She girds herself with strength, And strengthens her arms. {18} She perceives that her merchandise is good, And her lamp does not go out by night."

2. _____, 1 Peter 1:1-2

(Proverbs 7:10-12) "And there a woman met him, With the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart. {11} She was loud and rebellious, Her feet would not stay at home. {12} At times she was outside, at times in the open square, Lurking at every corner."



(Hebrews 13:4) "Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge."

3. _____, 1 Peter 3:3-4

(Matthew 21:5) ""Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.'""

(Matthew 5:5) "Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth."

(Ephesians 5:33) "Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband."



4. _____, 1 Peter 3:2, 6

(Luke 12:4-5) ""And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. {5} "But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!"

