

Jesus treated women with the utmost respect and honour (John 4:1-38; 8:3-11; 19:25-27). Likewise, in 1 Peter 3:7, husbands are instructed to live with their wives “with understanding, giving honour to the wife, as to the weaker vessel.” Men and women both have their weaknesses, but the husband is to treat his wife as if she were the weaker vessel. This in no way means they are inferior. In fact, Peter said that as Christians, men and women are “heirs together of the grace of life” (v.7).

Opening a door for a woman may seem to some like an old-fashioned courtesy. But it can also be a wonderful tribute to both the man and the woman if it symbolises the honour and respect one has for the other.

THINKING IT OVER

- ◆ Read Romans 12:10 and Philippians 2:3.
- ◆ How can you apply the truths of these verses to male and female relationships?

We honour God when we honour one another.



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Opening The Door

Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel. —1 Peter 3:7

When my wife and I went out to lunch with some friends, I noticed that the husband went around to the passenger side of the car and opened the door for his wife. I said to him, “Some women might consider that demeaning.” “That’s right,” he said. “One woman saw me do that and remarked, ‘I’m sure she’s perfectly capable of opening the door for herself!’ I told her, ‘I don’t open the door for my wife because she’s incapable. I do it to honour her.’”





I Peter: Overcoming Suffering A Difficult Marriage



1 Peter 2:13-25

(Matthew 19:9) *""And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.""*

In 1 Peter 3:1-7 Peter deals with two aspects of a difficult marriage:

1. When your _____ is difficult, verses 1-6

- ◆ Peter commands _____ to _____ to their _____, v 1-2
(Proverbs 15:1) *"A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger."*
- ◆ Peter encourages _____ to _____ to their _____, v 3-4
- ◆ Peter illustrates what it means for _____ to _____, verses 5-6



2. When your _____ is difficult, verse 7

- ◆ Peter commands _____ to _____ their _____, verse 7
- ◆ Peter commands _____ to _____ their _____, verse 7
- ◆ Peter commands _____ to be _____ for their _____, verse 7

