

## 1 Peter Lesson #12, Chapter 3:7-12

Be sure to ask the Lord for His help as you do your lesson.

1. 1 Peter begins verse 7 with the phrase *you husbands likewise*. What comparisons are being made from the previous verses and how does that relate to husbands?
2. What are husbands commanded to do according to verse 7?
3. Why does a husband need to do these things (verse 7)?
4. God is so concerned that husbands live with their wives with understanding and grant them honor that He warns men of the consequences of disobeying these commands. What will happen if they do not heed these words (verse 7)?
5. What are some other ways this can happen? See Ps. 66:18; Is. 59:1-2; James 4:3.
6. Based upon what you have learned, how does God view a husband who does not treat his wife in an understanding way or grant her honor?

7. How can a woman help her husband as he learns to obey God in this way? How long will this process take? What kind of attitude should she have as he learns to do this?
  
8. Many women are fearful that they will be taken advantage of if they submit in their marriage. How does verse 7 even the balance?
  
9. How has this section on submission (2:12-3:7) encouraged or convicted you to obey the Lord in a more complete way?
  
10. After dealing with specific groups of people within the body of Christ, Peter reminds us of the kind of people we need to be so that God will be glorified by our changed lives. What is the first characteristic Peter names in verse 8? Please define the term [Strong's #3675 (ESV *have unity of mind*; NKJV *of one mind*)]. Also see Rom. 12:16; 2 Cor. 13:11; Eph. 4:1-3; Phil. 1:27; 2:2 for added understanding.
  
11. The second characteristic Peter lists is *sympathetic* [Strong's #4835 (NKJV *having compassion*)]. Please define that word and look up the following verses for added understanding of its meaning: Rom. 12:15; Heb. 4:15; and 10:34.
  
12. Next, we are to be *brotherly* [Strong's #5361]. What does that mean (1 Pet. 1:22)? See also Gen. 13:8 for an example of this term lived out.

13. We are also to be *kindhearted* [Strong's #2155 (ESV, NKJV *tender heart*; NIV *compassionate*)]. Give a definition for this term. Also see Ps. 103:13; Matt. 18:33 and Eph. 4:32 to round out your understanding of this word.
  
14. Finally, we are told to be *humble in spirit* [Strong's #5391 (NKJV *courteous*)]. Give the definition of this word after looking up the following verses which help explain its meaning: Acts 27:3; 28:7; Eph. 4:2.
  
15. Peter says at the beginning of verse 8 *that all are to be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit*. What area is a challenge for you? What are some specific ways that you can apply these qualities to those around you?
  
16. What further admonishments for our conduct do we find in verse 9?
  
17. What reason is given for behaving this way (verse 9)?
  
18. Peter uses the Old Testament Scriptures in verses 10-12 to describe the blessing he mentions in verse 9. What is the description of the person who wants God's blessing? What is the description of the person who shuns God's ways?
  
19. How does God respond to the person who seeks Him according to verse 12? How does He respond to the person who does not seek Him?

20. From verses 8-12, look back over the ways we are to conduct ourselves daily. What are some ways you can be more diligent in these areas? What are some ways you can apply these godly qualities to your life each day? Think about your conduct for today. How can you turn away from evil and seek to do good?
21. Though we all fail in many ways, what encouragement does verse 12 hold for us? Also look up the following verses that will encourage you: Ps. 33:18; 37:23-24; 147:11; Prov. 24:16; Rom. 4:4-8; Heb. 4:15-16.

The growth of grace is the best evidence of the truth of it; things that have no life will not grow. ~Thomas Watson

All grace grows as love to the Word of God grows. ~Phillip Henry

The right manner of growth is to grow less in one's own eyes. ~Thomas Watson

Let us be like Christ in mildness and sweetness. Let us pray for our enemies, and conquer them by love. David's kindness melted Saul's heart (1 Sam. 24:16). A frozen heart will be thawed with the fire of love. ~Thomas Watson