



The Irresistible Beauty
of a Tender Heart

I Peter 3:1-6

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S MESSAGE

Marriage magnifies the personality you already have

In I Peter 3, Peter deals with four major areas of social interaction: the society, the workplace, the home/family, and the church

Zig Ziglar

"I have no way of knowing whether or not you married the wrong person. I do know that many people have a lot of wrong ideas about marriage and what it takes to make that marriage happy and successful.

Zig Ziglar

I'll be the first to admit that it is possible that you did marry the wrong person. However, if you treat the wrong person like the right person, you could well end up having married the right person after all.”

Three Marks of a Tenderhearted Woman

1. Her Actions Speak Louder than Her Words

Treating the wrong person like the right person and discovering you may have married the right person after all; the Lord uses relationship to win the unbelieving spouse

Three Marks of a Tenderhearted Woman

There are two basic principles Peter (and Paul) tell the wife of an unbelieving husband to adhere to:
continuation and submission.

A Christian woman and a Christian man are equal:
"There is neither male nor female; for you are all one
in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28).

John Piper

"The husband does not replace Christ as the woman's supreme authority. She must never follow her husband's leadership into sin, but even where a Christian wife may have to stand with Christ against the sinful will of her husband, she can still have a spirit of submission.

John Piper

She can show by her attitude and behavior that she does not like resisting his will and that she longs for him to forsake his sin and lead in righteousness so that her disposition to honor him as head can again produce harmony"

Her Actions Speak Louder than Her Words

The time does come when the husband has heard it all and heard enough, and he needs something stronger than just words—a life that he can see

Peter's counsel in this situation: Be a good wife!

"The silent preaching of a lovely life"—William
Barclay

2. Her Attitude Is Her Prettiest Feature

“Do not let your adornment be merely outward - arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel - rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and a quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God”

(v. 3)

2. Her Attitude Is Her Prettiest Feature

"Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised"

(Proverbs 31:30)

Two types of furnishings for the hidden person of the heart: gentle and quiet

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Gentle means mEEK, which doesn't mean you're a cowering person, but rather that you have power under control

Being meek means your spirit, your mouth, your responses, and your emotions are under God's control.

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"Quiet" means "tranquil, undisturbed," like a glassy lake.

A wife can set the tone of the whole house by her tranquility of heart

3. Her Admiration Is More Biblical than Conventional

Verse 5-6: "For in this manner, in former times [reaching backwards], the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror."

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Other books may give you information or inspiration,
but the Bible provides transformation.

Why did Sarah call Abraham *lord*?

Lord is not just a term of deity, but of respect—like
sir; I respect you; I honor you; I submit to you.

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Peter uses Sarah and Abraham's marriage as an example; their marriage was not perfect: He made some bad decisions and she had to go along with them (see Genesis 12).

Closing

This message is a call to focus on the hidden person of
the heart

Choose good character, not just good cosmetics

Adorn yourself with gentleness, not just jewelry

Closing

Let your "bling" be goodness, not gold
"Which is very precious in the sight of God" (v. 4);
God is watching you.

If we lived under that awareness, most of our
problems would go away