



1 Peter Wedlock or Deadlock

Session 5

A strange situation exists in society today. We have more readily available information about sex and marriage than ever before, yet we have more marital problems and divorces. It's obvious there is something wrong.

Read 1 Peter 3:1-6

Why did Peter devote more space to instructing the wives than the husbands? Because Christian wives were experiencing a whole new situation and needed guidance. They were receiving new freedoms in Christ which created new problems and challenges.

Question: How are you encouraging your wife in her inner beauty?

Question: In what ways are you helping her to see she is the daughter of the living God and that she is His treasure?

Read 1 Peter 3:7

Peter wrote to Christian husbands to remind them of four areas of responsibility in their relationships with their mates.

Responsibility #1 – Physical

Marriage is fundamental, a physical relationship (see Eph. 5:31). It is important for husbands to take time for their wives. An average man will spend 37 minutes a week with his wife communicating.

Question: How are you doing with physical time with your wife, one on one?

Responsibility #2 – Intellectual

A Christian husband needs to know his wife's moods, feelings, fears, and hopes. He needs to listen with his heart and share meaningful conversation with her.

Question: How can a husband show consideration for his wife if he doesn't understand her needs or problems? (see Eph. 4:15)

Responsibility #3 – Emotional

Every woman wants her man to be the knight in shining armor. Men, generally speaking, are stronger physically.

Question: How are you taking care of your wife emotionally? Are you giving her honor and acting with courtesy and respect?

Responsibility #4 – Spiritual - That your prayers won't be hindered.

Husbands and wives should pray together. Why don't we? Because of failure and unhappiness. Yes, we need individual prayer time, but time with your spouse is essential.

Question: How are you leading your wife spiritually? Are you seeing answered prayers or hindered prayers?

Assignment: Start accessing today the four responsibilities you have for your wife. What is going well? What do you need to do better with? Maybe it's time to get started.

Next week: Read 1 Peter 3:8-22 (Always Ready)