

***Living for Christ
in a Hostile World***

Studies in 1 Peter

A Message for Men

1 Peter 3.7

A radical message for men Eph 5.25-29

1. Two Ways to Behave

- ***Be considerate: marriage is about two people living together Gen 2.24***
 - *from different backgrounds*
 - this calls for plenty of mutual understanding*
 - *and putting partner's interest first Phil 2.3-4*
 - Ruth 2.8-18*

- ***Be respectful: your wife is precious 2.7***
 - seek to honour her*
 - *don't grumble, run her down*
 - value her individuality, different-ness*

2. Two Realities to Remember

- **Naturally, the weaker partner:**
 - physically, and in other ways sometimes**
 - **take this into account; make allowances**
 - **your wife was designed to be your helper, you can't get by without her! Gen 1.18**
 - **just like God Heb 13.5**
- **Spiritually, a joint heir: of God's gift of life**
 - eternal life, a gift of God's grace Eph 2.8-9**
 - Husbands and wives –**
 - different roles, but equal status**
 - in creation and salvation**

3. One Compelling Reason

➤ ***No hindrance to prayer***

***quality of relationships determine
effectiveness of prayers 3.12***

- forgiveness is vital Mat 6.14-16

- unity is rewarding Mat 18.19

Christian marriage is ...

physical – living together

mental – mutual understanding

social – respecting, honouring

spiritual – sharing in grace