

Message Notes

March 8, 2009

Stand Firm: A Study in 1 Peter
Wives & Husbands
(1 Peter 3:1-7)
Pastor Steve Patzia

◆ Though _____, God has different _____ for husbands & wives. (Eph 5:33)

How To Change Your Husband

◆ Advice 1: _____ don't _____! (1 Pet 3:1; Prov 14:1; 9:13; 21:9, 19; 12:4)

◆ Advice 2: Your physical _____ won't _____. (1 Pet 3:3; 1 Tim 2:9-10)

Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. **1 Peter 3:4**

◆ It is a wife's _____ beauty that _____ her husband. (1 Pet 3:4)

◆ Three characteristics of inner beauty:

❶ _____

❷ _____

❸ A _____ & _____ spirit.

◆ Inner beauty is _____ & _____ in God's sight. (Pr 31:10-31)

How To Change Your Wife

Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.
1 Peter 3:7 (ESV)

❶ Husbands are to "_____ with" their wives = spend _____ with her.

❷ Husbands are to _____ their wives = _____ her!

❸ Husbands are to _____ their wives = make her feel _____.

❹ Husbands are to _____ their wives as the "_____ vessel."

❺ Husbands are to _____ with their wives.

The Paradox Principle

◆ The way to change your spouse is to _____ change _____.

◆ The Paradox Principle: I _____ to _____ so _____ may _____! (Lk 9:23)

We Strongly Recommend...

For Further Study

Love & Respect—Dr. Emerson Eggerichs

His Needs, Her Needs—Willard F. Harley, Jr.

Sacred Marriage—Gary L. Thomas

For a Marriage Seminars/Conferences

FamilyLife's *Weekend to Remember*

(www.familylife.com/site/c.dnJHKLNnFoG/b.3204559/)

Song of Solomon Bible Conferences

(www.songofsolomon.com/sos_conference.asp)

For Marriage Counseling

Living Hope Counseling Center (698-7150)

For Those Interested in Helping Others in Marriage

The Voice of Experience—This is a Sunday school class that will be led by Kirk and Anita Boyenga here at Cherry Hills starting **March 29th** (during the 10:45 service). It is designed to equip individuals or couples *who have a passion for coming alongside of other couples* to mentor and encourage them in their marriage relationship.

Imagine what could happen in our church and community if we partner together to make our marriages strong.