

## The Biblical Role of a Husband

1 Peter 3:7

Context - Peter is applying the Gospel to specific areas of life - now he applies it to marriage. Last week we looked at the role of the wife (3:1-6), and today we are looking at the role of the husband.

As the Husband...

1) \_\_\_\_\_ your wife (7a)

A husband who lives according to such knowledge will greatly enrich his marriage relationship—yet such knowledge can only be gained through regular study of God’s Word and regular, unhurried times of private fellowship together as husband and wife. (Wayne Grudem)

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Honor to her (7b)

“Weaker Vessel” - According to the Greek English Dictionary of the New Testament, the greek word for weaker (athenes) can be also translated “delicate.” The word vessel (skeuos) is a wide use word that can be translated person, vessel, jar, dish, or jug. So, one of the acceptable translations of this phrase is that Peter is saying, “Show honor to the woman as a delicate jar.”

“Think of the difference between a husband and wife like the difference between the tin of an army mess kit and fine china; or the difference between a mason jar and fine crystal. (Other comparisons are a shatter-resistant car windshield and stained glass, or between a stainless-steel pot and bone-china vase) Peter says the wife is precious, a jewel: "Handle with care!" (Dr. William Cutrer)

3) \_\_\_\_\_ her as your joint heir (7c)

So concerned is God that Christian husbands live in an understanding and loving way with their wives, that he ‘interrupts’ his relationship with them when they are not doing so. No Christian husband should presume to think that any spiritual good will be accomplished by his life without an effective ministry of prayer. And no husband may expect an effective prayer life unless he lives with his wife ‘in an understanding way, bestowing honour’ on her. To take the time to develop and maintain a good marriage is God’s will; it is serving God; it is a spiritual activity pleasing in his sight. (Wayne Grudem)