



The Gospel-Changed Man
10th in the “Elect Exiles” Series
1 Peter 3:7 p. 1015
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Introduction

In this passage God instructs his sons on the nature and habits of a gospel-changed man.

The Text: 1 Peter 3:7

Six traits of a gospel-changed man:

- 1) He believes and accepts that the authority structures God designed for governments and other social institutions (e.g., work), are also in the home.

- 2) He understands the leadership role God has assigned to him in the home.

- 3) He is a student of his wife and sees her as a providential orientation for his life.

- 4) He uses his bodily strength to care for his wife and other women in general.

- 5) He sees all women, and especially his wife, through the lens of the gospel.

- 6) He understands that manhood and marriage are spiritual matters that have serious consequences.

Response

- The power of a gospel-changed man!
 - Recommendation: *The Meaning of Marriage* by Tim and Kathy Keller

Sunday Text Questions for 1 Peter 3:7

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- 1) Starter Question: How does our culture think about men and a man's role in marriage?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) How does the opening word "likewise" connect the role of men/husbands to the roles previously discussed?
- 4) The Greek phrase "in an understanding way" can more rigidly be translated as "with knowledge." How might a husband need to learn about or study his wife to live with her with biblical wisdom?
- 5) How might our culture react to this text's depiction of women as physically weaker? How does the word "vessel" make clear it is speaking to physical differences, not moral or intellectual?
- 6) Why is it significant that men and women are "co-heirs of the grace of life?"
- 7) When reading vv. 1-7 together, how does this text teach an equality between men and women and yet a distinction in functions/roles?
- 8) The last clause is a warning of divine judgment, that God will discipline his children (in this case, his sons) who do not rightly love their wives and respect the covenant of marriage. What does this statement make you think or feel?
- 9) How is our marriage a primary way we love the Lord with all our heart/soul/mind/strength and love our neighbors as ourselves?
- 10) If you are married, how does this text speak into your marriage relationship? If you are unmarried, how does this text speak into a future marriage or your relationships with the opposite sex?

Further study this week: Luke 9:59-62 on how a man commits to follow a greater authority (Mon); John 6:66-69 on how a man commits everything to Jesus (Tues); John 8:31-32 on how a man commits to God's Word (Wed); John 13:34-35 on how a man commits to love others (Thurs); Hebrews 10:24-25 on how a man commits to brotherhood and the local church (Fri).