



The Epistles of Peter
1 Peter 3:1-7
From Sermon 11.23.25

Read *1 Peter 3:1-7*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: 1 Peter chapter 3 is just a continuation of the topic and truth from chapter 2. That was our conduct influencing our strength and our testimony, with Jesus being our prime example. Unbelievers are watching and judging our conduct as it relates to Spheres of Authority. Will we join them in rebellion or honor God in submission? Here, God the Holy Spirit has Peter move from inside the church and out in the world to authority, roles, and testimony inside the home.

1. How does the world (historically and contemporarily) respond to:

- God's Authority: See *Psalms 2:1-3*
- Church Authority: _____
- Civil Authority: _____
- Workplace Authority: _____
- Home Authority: _____

2. With revolt is clearly widespread, we must ask why. Who is the original rebel against God-established roles and authority (and, therefore, the author of all the rebellion of man ever since)?

The devil/Satan/Lucifer. See *Isaiah 14:12-15* & *Ezekiel 28:12-17*

[Note: Has anyone ever read the preface to "Rules for Radicals"? A mainstay handbook for socialists.]

Lest we forget at least an over-the-shoulder acknowledgment to the very first radical: from all our legends, mythology, and history (and who is to know where mythology leaves off and history begins— or which is which), the first radical known to man who rebelled against the establishment and did it so effectively that he at least won his own kingdom —Lucifer. By Saul Alinsky

3. In the spiritual sense, how are males and females viewed? As equal. Same as rich and poor, slave and master, Christian Jew and Christian Gentile. See *Galatians 3:27-28*

4. To be clear: The main focus in the context of 1 Peter 3 is a mixed marriage. One believer and one unbeliever. Does much change in commands for an all-Christian home? Not really. See *Ephesians 5:22-23*

5. The Teaching on Modesty: discuss the principle of "attractive vs distractive—inward vs outward". Generally, the Bible's commands are transcendent, timeless, never relative. However, how is this one instruction a bit relative? How people dress in a given culture and time. Another interesting one: swearing. What's a swear word there/then not now or vice-versa. Discuss.

6. Who is the model for godly men in loving their wives? Christ in how He loves the Church. See *Ephesians 5:25-33*. How does Christ love the Church? Sacrificially, patiently, protective.

7. Three consequences of disobedience in God-ordained home roles: Destroys testimony to unbelieving spouse and world, Disobeys God, & Damages prayer.