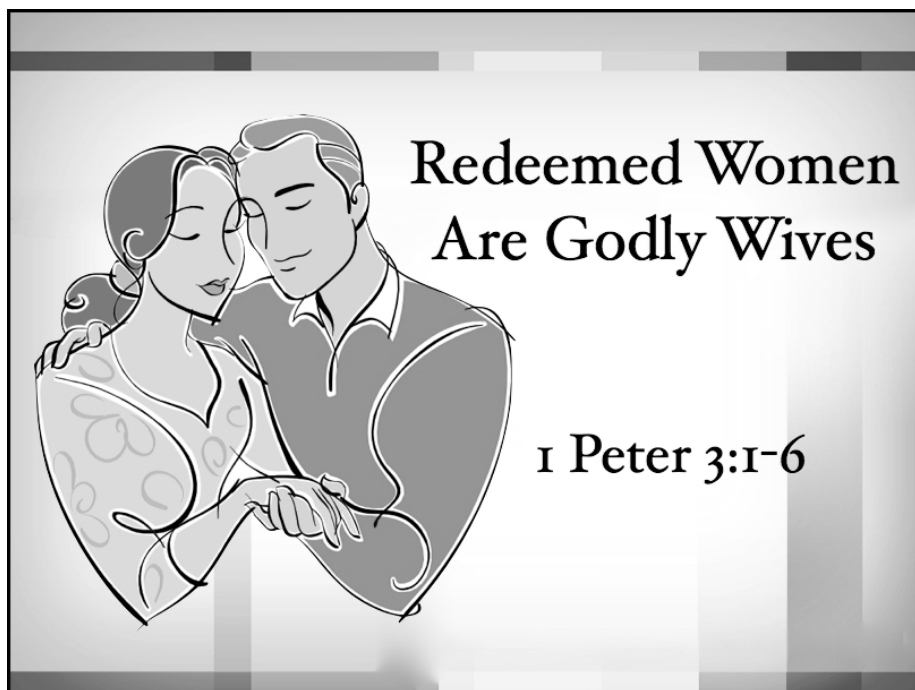


Daily Bible Study Guide for December 21–26



¹ In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, ² as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior. ³ Your adornment must not be merely external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; ⁴ but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God. ⁵ For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands; ⁶ just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear. 1 Peter 3:1–6

Study Guides are designed to help us get the most out of our personal Bible study, Small Group experience, marriage and family spiritual growth, and the sermons we hear on Sunday mornings. Each week we will be studying a passage of Scripture along with Pastor Dan as he prepares his sermon based on the same verses found in our Study Guides. That way, when we come to church every Sunday, we will be better prepared to hear and apply God's Word.

Monday, December 21

Read: 1 Peter 3:1–6

1. What words stand out to you as most important?

2. What is said about wives?

3. What is said about husbands?

4. What is said about God?

5. Discussion/Application: What dynamics are revealed in these verses about the relationship between wives, husbands, and God?

Tuesday, December 22

Read: 1 Peter 3:1

1. Chapter 3 starts with “in the same way.” Look back over chapter 2 and see if you can determine “in the same way” as what?

2. Do you think there is a reason Peter wrote, “you wives” instead of just “wives”? If so, what do you think his purpose may have been?

3. Do you think there is a reason Peter wrote “your own husbands” instead of “husbands”? If so, what do you think his purpose may have been?

4. For what purpose does Peter instruct wives to submit to their husbands?

5. Discussion/Application: Is submission a good thing? Why or why not?

Wednesday, December 23

Read: 1 Peter 3:1–2

1. What does “chaste” mean?

2. What does “respectful” mean?

3. What is the relationship, if any, between “chaste and respectful behavior” and submission?

4. Is a husband being won over by his wife’s chaste and respectful behavior a principle (a general statement) or a promise (a guarantee)?

5. Discussion/Application: Have you ever seen the dynamic of 1 Peter 3:1–2 actually work? If so, briefly describe what you have seen.

Thursday, December 24

Read: 1 Peter 3:3–4

1. Is Peter discouraging women from enhancing their physical appearance? How do you know?

2. Men, generally, are first attracted to what they *see*. Why, then, is Peter encouraging wives to pay attention to that which is *hidden*?

3. Peter says that wives ought to *let* their adornment also include that which is hidden? What might the word “let” imply?

4. What two words/phrases describe “a gentle and quiet spirit”? (One description is found before the phrase, and another is found after.)

5. Discussion/Application: Describe someone you know who has a gentle and quiet spirit.

Friday, December 25 (Merry Christmas!)

Read: 1 Peter 3:5

1. What is the way to which Peter is referring?

2. Peter’s use of “former times” might imply that his instruction would sound too “old fashioned” for his readers. Why is his instruction still not outdated?

3. What point was Peter making when he wrote “holy women *also*”?

4. What is the connection between hoping in God and submission?

5. Discussion/Application: Can you think of some examples of holy women from former times to which Peter may have been referring?

Saturday, December 26

Read: 1 Peter 3:6; Genesis 18:1–15

1. Summarize Genesis 18.

2. What is the connection between Genesis 18:12 and 1 Peter 3:6?

3. Should a wife only submit to a godly husband? Why or why not?

4. What might be the fear to which Peter refers?

5. Discussion/Application: How can a wife be assured that there is nothing to fear when submitting to her husband?
