Sermon Notes for January 12, 2014

A Wife Who Loves Her Husband

I Peter 3:1-6

Introduction
It seems that everyone has an opinion about love and marriage these days. Where do we turn for solid instruction on building a healthy marriage? We turn to God’s Word.

A wife who loves her husband will:

I. Put Christ first in her life. Verses 1-2
Peter instructs wives to be submissive and respectful to their husbands.
In the Roman world, Christianity spread faster among wives than husbands. What were these new Christian wives to do? They were to win their husbands by their life. Let them see Jesus in you. It doesn’t mean you should never say anything about Christ. But in this case, actions speak louder than words.

II. Grow in inner beauty. Verses 3-4
She will strive to be more beautiful on the inside with every passing year. Women in every generation have been concerned about their appearance. The sad truth is you could have all of that and still have a lousy marriage. What is it that God values? It is your inner beauty – a gentle and quiet spirit – which is of great worth to God.

III. Honor and respect her husband. Verses 5-6
Peter points to Sarah as an example of one who honored her husband. The whole idea of submission raises questions and objections for many. There are three primary reasons why women struggle with submission.
Past Abuse
Misunderstanding about what submission means.
Submission is primarily an attitude of humility and respect.
Fear

Peter’s response is “do what is right and don’t give way to fear.” Trust God.

Conclusion

Helpful books on Marriage

- The Meaning of Marriage by Tim and Kathy Keller
- Love and Respect by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs
- His Needs, Her Needs by Willard F. Harley Jr.
- The Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman
- The Proper Care and Feeding of Husbands by Dr. Laura Schlessinger

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- Put Christ first in her life.
- Strive for inner beauty.
- Honor and respect her husband.