

Review:

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Submission in Marriage

1 Peter 3:1-7

The kind of submission to the world's institutions to which Christ followers are called means we are more likely to spiritually influence those institutions through quiet, _____ than through verbal persuasion or activism.

Discussion 1. With regard to changing the hearts of the unbelieving friends or family members closest to you, what have you learned in terms of what works and what does not work? Do you find yourself falling into ruts and patterns of unhealthy communication with them? Is there a better way?

Christ followers draw attention to ourselves by working on our outward appearance and words and behaviors; we draw attention to God by working on our _____ and attitude. We should be drawing attention to God.

Discussion 2. It is easy to know how to work on our outward appearance and behaviors, but what kinds of disciplines help you work on your character and attitude? How do you teach a child how to work on the kind of "inner beauty" that will one day point people toward God?

A Christ follower's submission in relationship to unbelievers is about submission to God; it is about _____ enough to use our submissive spirit to accomplish His greater purposes in the world.

Discussion 3. Can you recall a time or circumstance where you had to trust God to work through your quiet, submissive spirit (rather than trusting your own ability to influence)? True or false: this gets easier with practice.

The holiness to which God's people are called includes, as a matter of priority, being set apart in how we relate to those closest to us, such as in marriage. Among Christ followers, these relationships should look _____ from the world's.

Discussion 4. You've heard the old saying: "If it were easy, then everybody would be doing it." What is the "difficult work" that Christ followers can do in marriage in order to separate their marriages from the world's marriages?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?