

BIG IDEA

Nothing more positively influences your home than Godly character.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

What is your experience with submission? Who do you submit to, if anyone? How does submission tend to work in the context of your relationships?

Read 1 Peter 3:1-7. What do you know (or remember) about the social status of women during the time of Peter? How does your understanding help you to process this passage?

How is 1 Peter 3:1-7 good news to the women who would have received Peter's letter?

Read Philippians 2:1-11. What elements of submission can you identify within this passage? How does Jesus model submission for us?

How is Godly character seen in submission? What other character issues are being addressed in Philippians 2:1-11?

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

What are some unhealthy ways that "submission" has been used in your context? Compare these situations to the way the Bible talks about submission.

Read 1 Peter 3:7-8. What expectations does Peter have for men regarding Godly character? How are they similar to his expectations for women? How are they different?

Consider the following quote. Do you agree or disagree? Why?

It's easy, perhaps natural, to submit to someone who genuinely has your best interest in mind. There's no fear. No reason to resist. Conversely, anyone who has your best interest in mind has in effect submitted to you. That person has chosen to leverage him- or herself for your benefit, basically saying, "You first." - Andy Stanley

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

Re-read 1 Peter 3: 1-4. How do the women in your life demonstrate this kind of character?

Reflect on the relationships in your life where you have great influence. How is God leading you to value others above yourself?

What fears do you need to confront in order to live in mutual submission in your relationships?

