

Study Questions
The Kingdom of God, Pt 4
“The Kingdom Family”
1 Peter 3:1-6, et al

- 1) *The Kingdom of God requires marriages that are aligned and it begins with authority and submission.* What is meant by “marriages that are aligned?” **READ** 1 Peter 3:1-6. One theme, in two terms, have consistently emerged during this series, authority and submission. How is submission and authority integrated in marriage? Why do some women have such difficulty with the idea of submission? Explain Biblical submission. 1,2
- 2) Is the decision of submission of the wife determined by the salvation of the husband? Provide a couple of Bible verses from 1 Peter and Ephesians to support your conclusion. Should a husband ever be in submission and if so to whom? **IDENTIFY** two different responsibilities of a husband toward his wife from Ephesians 5:25-29 and 1 Peter 3:7. What is the downside of a husband not responding to his wife in the proper fashion (1 Peter 3:7)?
- 3) Scripture commands all children to listen and obey their parents (Proverbs 6:20-24). Are the obedience of children any different today than when they were when you were younger? What are some of the ways it is different and some of the ways it is similar? How is it possible for a child’s life to be shorten because of disobedience to their parents (Ephesians 6:2-3)? At what age does a child’s disobedience become a serious issue?
- 4) **READ** 1 Corinthians 7:32-35. Concerning the work of the Lord what is the difference between married and single believers? What does it mean when

¹ **Submission and Subordination.** “Voluntary placement of oneself under the authority and leadership of another (Gk. *hupotasso*). Submission is taught in the context of various relationships. In divinely ordained relationships, submission enables a unique Christian harmony, based on God’s good design.” (Holman Bible Dictionary.)

² It is clear from Eph 5:22–33 that submission of wives to husbands is grounded in theology—in Christ’s relationship with the church. It is not an accommodation to culture. The submission of wives to husbands mirrors the church’s submission to Christ, and hence it should be accepted as a norm that transcends the culture of the first century (New American Commentary: 1 & 2 Peter).

Paul says he wished everyone would be as he was (1 Corinthians 7:6-7)? Do you agree that single people have a greater chance of modeling greater devotion for the Lord?

- 5) Some of Scripture's greatest theological insights and Biblical instructions were delivered to us by Paul (Ephesian 5:22-33 and 1 Corinthians 7). Was Paul married or single? How could a single person offer such tremendous insight for people who are married and desiring to get married? Why do we take it to heart? What does this tell us about the spiritual potential of a single person?
- 6) Share one insight from this lesson you will begin to implement in your life this week. Make a note and share your progress next week.