

## 1 Peter 3:1-7 | *Beautiful People*

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<sup>1</sup> Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behaviour of their wives, <sup>2</sup> when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. <sup>3</sup> Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewellery or fine clothes. <sup>4</sup> Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. <sup>5</sup> For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, <sup>6</sup> like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

<sup>7</sup> Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

### QUESTIONS

1. In what ways are you being called and challenged to be part of God's beautiful people, allowing your behaviour, rights and impulses be ruled by the cause of the gospel?
2. What is most attractive about your church community? Are these traits attractive according to God's standards or the world's standards?
3. Do you truly believe that we can be holy as God is holy, pure as he is pure, beautiful as he is beautiful?