

HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE

DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES

1 Peter 3:1-6 Jeff Schreve

Q. How can an unhappy wife get her husband to change?

A. By focusing on her job as a wife.

In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.

1 Peter 3:1-2

What is God's job description for a wife?

1. A wife is to be submissive to her husband.

Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord [this is what the Lord wants you to do – NLV]. Colossians 3:18

A. Submission means to place yourself under.

B. Submission gets his attention.

2. A wife is to be attractive to her husband.

And let not your adornment be merely external-- braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God. 1 Peter 3:3-4

A. Outer beauty is important.

B. Inner beauty is more important.

It's better to live alone in the desert than with a quarrelsome, complaining wife. Proverbs 21:19

3. A wife is to be respectful to her husband.

For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands. Thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.

1 Peter 3:5-6

A. A husband's greatest need is respect.

Nevertheless let each individual among you also love his own wife even as himself; and let the wife see to it that she respect her husband. Ephesians 5:33

B. Respect in marriage is displayed through:

1. Physical love.

2. Domestic tranquility.

3. Words of praise.

An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who shames him is as rottenness in his bones. Proverbs 12:4

The only way to be this kind of a wife is by trusting God.

...and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously. 1 Peter 2:23
