



## Home Worship Guide – 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:7

Complement to sermon on November 18th, 2012

### MEMORIZE

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:12 (NIV 1984)

“Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.”

### READ

Read 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2 & 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:1-7

Peter begins his address to the husbands *in the same way* as he did with the wives (pun intended). Peter again brings the focus back to Christ before going into detail about the role of a Godly husband. It may be one verse, but Peter packs it full with richness that was unpacked during the sermon. In a sense, Peter is saying to the guys, “It is time to put your boyhood ways behind you and Man Up.” And the way to do that is to follow Christ in sacrificial and service to our wives.

To quickly summarize the sermon, this is done in four ways as outlined by Peter. One, encouraging our wives to hope in God by praying with them and studying scripture with them. Two, shielding our wives so they have no fear by taking care of their needs and directing them back to Christ. Three, supporting their inner beauty by cherishing and complimenting their modesty as well as uplifting their kindness, humility, gentleness, etc. And four, by taking the lead so that they can submit.

But note the end of the verse. All of this is “so that your prayers are not hindered.” And this ties directly back to 2:12. Men are called to love sacrificially so that their prayers for the salvation of their wives will not be hindered. If we are praying for our wives, but treating them as second class citizens, we will greatly hinder our impact on them coming to know Christ. And more than that, this could hinder the prayer of salvation for any of our friends or family as well. As Christians, we are called to be shadows of Christ that point others to Christ.

And there is no better way for a husband to be a shadow of who Christ was then to love his wife sacrificially. That is what makes a boy a man. It is subordinating our needs to the needs of our wives. And by doing this, we could impact eternity! The only way this is possible, is by relying and trusting completely on Jesus Christ. Men, we can only lead our wives as Christ wants us to if we are following Christ and allowing Him to rule our hearts, our minds and our actions.

**Discussion:** (Use these questions as guidelines for discussion with your family. Share your experiences as they relate to the question and then ask the question to the rest of the family.)

1. What does American culture say makes a man?
2. How are husbands usually portrayed in TV shows? Movies? What does the Bible say about this?
3. What are ways we can sacrificially love our wives?

**Bottom Line:** Christian men are called to sacrificially love their wives.

### SING

“Lead Me” (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ffBG7JAvBiw&feature=related>)

This is a good reminder for men out there. We are called to lead. Even if you aren’t a husband or father yet, start preparing your heart to lead. That is only done when your heart is submitted to Christ!



## SUGGESTIONS

These suggestions were created for specific age ranges as a way to help parents better communicate the biblical truths discussed in the Family Worship Guide. These suggestions are intended to help parents facilitate God-centered discussions with their children. Parents should prayerfully use these suggestions, and any other means necessary, to help their children discover the truths of God's word and worship Him together.

### Preschool (up to 5) & Children (K-5<sup>th</sup>)

- Play follow the leader
- Make sure everyone has a chance to be leader
- Be sure to have everyone lead a marching line of some sort during their time as leader
- Explain that in order to be a leader for Jesus we need to follow Him first
- Talk about a couple things that Jesus did during his earthly ministry
- Talk about what you can do to follow Jesus in your daily lives

### Students (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

- If we expect others to follow Christ, we need to demonstrate how we follow Him. We do not pick and choose when to follow Him, we follow Him at all times.
- Search the Bible for verses that show this truth
- Commit to memorizing at least 2 of them
- Then talk about where it is hard to follow Jesus. Discuss why we don't always follow Jesus. End by talking about how powerful of an example it is when we do follow Jesus with our entire lives.

## PRAY

Lord Jesus, we pray for the men and boys of our church and of our world. Free them from the oppressive chains of cultural stereotypes and help them to be the Godly men that you desire them to be.