



**Introduction:**

- There are three things that Peter says about the husband’s unique responsibility in the marriage relationship:

**I. As Husbands, We Must Cultivate A \_\_\_\_\_ With Our Wives (3:7a)**

- What is the meaning of the phrase “live with”?
- ***God says that the husband is the one who is responsible to promote a spirit of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ closeness that is only possible in the commitment of marriage.***

*“Providing a good living for your wife should never become a substitute for sharing deeply in her life!”*

- **Men, we are to be \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_, in developing and maintaining a close relationship with our wives!**
- *One survey revealed that the average husband and wife only spend \_\_\_\_\_ a week together in actual communication!*

**II. As Husbands, We Must Make Every Effort To \_\_\_\_\_ Our Wives (3:7b)**

- The Greek word translated “understanding” means “to \_\_\_\_\_, to learn by \_\_\_\_\_, to take in \_\_\_\_\_ of someone.”
- ***Peter is not talking about some kind of analytical or academic knowledge – rather, he is talking about \_\_\_\_\_ that leads to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ care.***
- From a practical standpoint, he is saying that husbands are responsible to be \_\_\_\_\_ of their wives; to make a concerted effort to understand their \_\_\_\_\_!
- **Men, contrary to popular opinion this is not “\_\_\_\_\_!”**
- Knowing your wife is not \_\_\_\_\_; it takes time and it takes effort.
- The Greek word translated “weaker” literally means “without \_\_\_\_\_ or bodily\_\_\_\_\_”

**III. As Husbands, We Must Act In Ways That \_\_\_\_\_ Our Wives (3:7c)**

- What is the meaning of the words translated “grant” and “honor?”

*Husbands are responsible to both view and treat their wives in a way that is in keeping with their intrinsic value and inherent preciousness."*

**Husbands, your wife doesn't want more \_\_\_\_\_; she wants \_\_\_\_\_!**

- The phrase, "*fellow heir*" means one who \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Romans 8:17**
- The word "*hindered*" actually means "*to cut.*" It is a military term for an army digging a trench in a road to stop the enemy's advance.
- ***There is always a correlation between your relationship with your \_\_\_\_\_ and your relationship with \_\_\_\_\_!***

### **Conclusion:**

- In verse 7, Peter gives husbands some divine "***secrets to success***" in the art of being a godly husband:
  1. *Actively seek ways to develop \_\_\_\_\_ with your wife.*
  2. *Consciously work on being a better \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.*
  3. *Make spending time with her a \_\_\_\_\_.*
  4. *Let her know her \_\_\_\_\_ in your life.*
  5. *Ask your wife to \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ on a scale of 1 – 10.*

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.