

## STUDYING 1 PETER 3

(1) In your group read aloud the chapter (1 Peter 3) that you are about to study in a translation of your choice. As a group discuss the general content of that chapter.

(2) Read and Discuss each verse or verses in the *King James Version* and *The Simplified King James Versions* (as well as additional translations of your choice) marked by: ::::::::::> READ THE FOLLOWING: and <::::::::: STOP, DISCUSS OR COMMENT.

(3) Answer the Study Questions by going to the appropriate Scriptures. Then discuss with your group. (An 'Answer Key' to the Questions can be found at the end of each chapter).

### THE SIMPLIFIED KING JAMES VERSION AND DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM

## ***1 PETER CHAPTER 3***

### 1 PETER CHAPTER 3 VERSES 1-2

::::::::> READ THE FOLLOWING:

**1PE 3: [1]** Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; **[2]** While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. (**King James Version**)

**1PE 3: [1]** Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; [Wives, in the same way, accept the authority of your own husbands] **that, if any obey not the word** [if any obey not the teachings of the Lord], **they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;** [they also may be won to the Lord by the godly conduct, behavior, or manner of life their wife displays] **[2] While they behold** [look upon] **your chaste** [pure] **conversation** [behavior and lifestyle] **coupled with fear** [reverence and respect for God and their husband]. (**The Simplified King James Version – literal text**)

**1PE 3:[1]** Wives, in the same way, accept the authority of your own husbands, that if any obey not the teachings of the Lord, they also may be won to the Lord by your godly

conduct, behavior, and manner of life. **[2]** While they see your godly lives coupled with reverence and respect *for God and husband*. (**The Simplified King James Version – paraphrased**)

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**ANSWER THE STUDY QUESTIONS BY GOING TO THE APPROPRIATE SCRIPTURES. SOME QUESTIONS MAY HAVE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER. AN ANSWER KEY IS SUPPLIED AT THE END OF EACH CHAPTER.**

**1. Read 1 Peter 3:1-2.** The unbelieving husband may be won to the Lord by: a. telling him how wrong he is. b. dragging him to church. c. the godly conduct and behavior of the wife, coupled with reverence and respect for God and husband.

### **1 PETER CHAPTER 3 VERSES 3-6**

**1PE 3: [3]** Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; **[4]** But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. **[5]** For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: **[6]** Even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. (**King James Version**)

**1PE 3: [3]** Whose adorning [beauty] let it not be that outward adorning [beauty] of plaiting the hair [braiding your hair], and of wearing of gold [gold jewelry], or of putting on of apparel [fancy clothes]; **[4]** But let it be the hidden man of the heart [your beauty should come from your heart], in that which is not corruptible [a beauty not subject to corruption or decay], even the ornament [the adorning] of a meek [gentle] and quiet [peaceable] spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price [which is very precious in God's sight]. **[5]** For after this manner [For in this manner] in the old time [in times past] the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves [made themselves beautiful with honor], being in subjection unto their own husbands: **[6]** Even as Sarah obeyed [harkened unto] Abraham, calling him lord [master]: whose daughters ye [you] are, as long as ye do well [what is right], and are not afraid [fearful] with any amazement [or terror]. (**The Simplified King James Version – literal text**)

**1PE 3:[3]** The wives beauty should not center on hairstyles, gold jewelry and fancy clothes. **[4]** Their beauty should come from their hearts, a beauty not subject to

corruption or decay, the adorning of a gentle and peaceable spirit, which is very precious in God's sight. **[5]** For in this manner in times past the holy women who trusted in God made themselves beautiful by being subject to their own husbands. **[6]** Even Sarah harkened unto Abraham by calling him master. You women are children of Sarah if you do what is right and don't allow circumstances to control you or get you in fear. **(The Simplified King James Version – paraphrased)**

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**2. Read 1 Peter 3:3.** Wives beauty should not center on: a. hairstyles. b. jewelry. c. fancy clothes. d. all of the above.

**3. Read 1 Peter 3:4.** Wives beauty should come from: a. their hairdresser. b. their make-up. c. their aging cream. d. dying their hair. e. weightwatchers. f. their heart, a gentle and peaceable spirit.

**4. Read 1 Peter 3:5-6.** Godly women, who trust in God, submit to their own husbands. True or False.

### 1 PETER CHAPTER 3 VERSE 7

**1PE 3: [7]** Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered. **(King James Version)**

**1PE 3: [7] Likewise** [In the same way], **ye [you] husbands, dwell with them** [live with your wife] **according to knowledge** [in a considerate understanding way], **giving honour** [great respect] **unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel** [physically weaker], **and as being heirs together** [equal heirs or joint participants] **of the grace of life** [of the gracious gift of life]; **that your prayers be not hindered** [then your prayers will not be hindered]. **(The Simplified King James Version – literal text)**

**1PE 3:[7]** In the same way, you husbands, live with your wife in a considerate and understanding way, giving great honor and respect unto the wife as being physically weaker but equal heirs and joint participants of the gracious gift of life; then your prayers will not be hindered. **(The Simplified King James Version – paraphrased)**

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**5. Read 1 Peter 3:7.** Husbands should live with their wife: a. as little as possible. b. in a considerate and understanding way. c. as joint participants of God's gracious gift of life. d. according to knowledge so that their prayers will not be hindered.

### 1 PETER CHAPTER 3 **VERSES 8-9**

**1PE 3: [8]** Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: **[9]** Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. **(King James Version)**

**1PE 3: [8]** Finally [To sum up], **be ye all of one mind** [be of one mind and purpose], **having compassion one of another** [have deep awareness of the suffering of one another and do your best to relieve it], **love as brethren** [Gk. philadelphos, love one another like a brother and sister], **be pitiful** [be compassionate and tender hearted], **be courteous** [be friendly and kind]: **[9]** **Not rendering evil for evil** [don't give in return evil for evil], **or railing for railing** [or speak reproachfully against those that insult you]: **but contrariwise blessing** [but on the contrary, speak back with kind words]; **knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing** [knowing that you were called for the very purpose of inheriting a blessing *by doing so*]. **(The Simplified King James Version – literal text)**

**1PE 3:[8]** Summing up: Be of one mind and purpose, have deep awareness of the suffering of others and do your best to relieve it, love one another like a brother and sister, be compassionate and tender hearted, friendly and kind: **[9]** Don't give in return evil for evil, or speak reproachfully against those that insult you: but on the contrary, speak back with kind words; knowing that you were called for the very purpose of inheriting a blessing *by doing so*. **(The Simplified King James Version – paraphrased)**

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**6. Read 1 Peter 3:8-9.** By God's grace and the aid of His Spirit. we are: a. to be uncaring of others. b. to be of one mind and purpose. c. to love one another. d. to be compassionate and tender hearted. e. to be friendly and kind. f. to not return evil for evil. g. not to speak reproachfully against those that insult us. h. to bless others.

### 1 PETER CHAPTER 3 **VERSES 10-12**

**[10] For HE THAT WILL LOVE LIFE, AND SEE GOOD DAYS, LET HIM REFRAIN HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL, AND HIS LIPS THAT THEY SPEAK NO GUILF: [11] LET HIM ESCHEW EVIL, AND DO GOOD; LET HIM SEEK PEACE, AND ENSUE IT. [12] FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE OVER THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ARE OPEN UNTO THEIR PRAYERS: BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THEM THAT DO EVIL. (PSALM 34:12-16) (King James Version)**

**[10] For HE THAT WILL LOVE LIFE [enjoy life], AND SEE GOOD DAYS, LET HIM REFRAIN HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL [say nothing evil or harmful to others], AND HIS LIPS THAT THEY SPEAK NO GUILF [deceit or lies]: [11] LET HIM ESCHEW EVIL [turn aside from evil], AND DO GOOD; LET HIM SEEK PEACE, AND ENSUE IT [pursue it]. [12] FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE OVER THE RIGHTEOUS [those whose heart is right with Him], AND HIS EARS ARE OPEN UNTO THEIR PRAYERS: BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THEM THAT DO EVIL [Gk. present tense - practice evil]. (PSALM 34:12-16) (The Simplified King James Version – literal text)**

**1PE 3:[10] For “HE THAT WILL ENJOY LIFE, AND SEE GOOD DAYS, LET HIM SAY NOTHING EVIL OR HARMFUL TO OTHERS, AND HIS LIPS SPEAK NO DECEIT OR LIES: [11] LET HIM TURN ASIDE FROM EVIL, AND DO GOOD; LET HIM SEEK PEACE, AND PURSUE IT. [12] FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE OVER THE RIGHTEOUS [those whose heart is right with Him], AND HIS EARS ARE OPEN UNTO THEIR PRAYERS: BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE THAT PRACTICE EVIL” (Psalm 34:12-16). (The Simplified King James Version – paraphrased)**

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**7. Read 1 Peter 3:10-11.** If you would like to enjoy life and see good days, you must:  
a. watch what you say. b. turn aside from evil. c. practice doing what is right. d. seek peace. e. all of the above.

**8. Read 1 Peter 3:12.** The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers, but the face of the Lord is against those that practice evil. True or False.

### **1 PETER CHAPTER 3 VERSES 13-15**

**1PE 3: [13] And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? [14] But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and BE NOT AFRAID OF THEIR TERROR, NEITHER BE TROUBLED; (ISAIAH 8:12) [15] But sanctify the Lord**

God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: **(King James Version)**

**1PE 3: [13] And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?** [Who will do you any harm if they see you are eager to do them only good?] **[14] But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye** [If you suffer for doing right, you will be blessed *by God*]: **and BE NOT AFRAID OF THEIR TERROR** [threats], **NEITHER BE TROUBLED** [or upset]; **(ISAIAH 8: 12) [15] But sanctify** [or set apart] **the Lord** [the sovereign and Master] **God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you** [always be ready to explain and defend the Christian hope that is in you, to every person who may ask] **with meekness** [mildness of disposition and gentleness of spirit] **and fear** [respectfully] : **(The Simplified King James Version – literal text)**

**1PE 3:[13]** And who will do you any harm if they see you are eager to do them only good? **[14]** But and if you suffer for doing right, you will be blessed *by God*: and **BE NOT AFRAID OF THEIR THREATS, NEITHER BE TROUBLED OR UPSET; (ISAIAH 8: 12) [15]** Instead, in your hearts set apart and do homage to God [and Christ] as your only Lord. Always be ready to explain and defend the Christian hope that is in you, to every person who may ask, with mildness of disposition, gentleness of spirit and respect. **(The Simplified King James Version – paraphrased)**

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**9. Read 1 Peter 3:14.** If you suffer for righteousness sake, you will be: a. sad. b. cursed. c. blessed.

**10. Read 1 Peter 3:15.** God and Christ should always be set apart in our hearts as: a. the supplier of our wants. b. our Lord, Master and King.

**11. Read 1 Peter 3:15.** We must always be ready to explain and defend our Christian faith. True or False.

### **1 PETER CHAPTER 3 VERSES 16-17**

**1PE 3: [16]** Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. **[17]** For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. **(King James Version)**

**1PE 3: [16]** **Having a good conscience** [Gk. present tense – Having and continuing to have a good conscience]; **that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they**

**may be ashamed** [disgraced] **that falsely accuse your good conversation** [good manner of life and conduct] **in Christ** . [17] **For it is better** [best], **if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing** [doing good], **than for evil doing** [wrong doing]. (The Simplified King James Version – literal text)

**1PE 3:[16]** Make sure your conscience is and stays perfectly clear, so that if you are slandered as an evil doer, those who falsely accuse your good behavior will be put to shame and disgrace. [17] It is better, *to obey* God and suffer for it, than to suffer for wrong doing. (The Simplified King James Version – paraphrased)

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**12. Read 1 Peter 3:16.** Make sure your conscience is and stays perfectly clear. True or False.

**13. Read 1 Peter 3:16.** If your conscience is clear, those who accuse you falsely will sooner or later be brought to: a. shame. b. disgrace. c. all of the above.

**14. Read 1 Peter 3:17.** If you suffer, it is better to suffer for doing good than for doing wrong. True or False.

### 1 PETER CHAPTER 3 **VERSES 18-22**

**1PE 3: [18]** For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: [19] By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; [20] Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a-preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. [21] The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: [22] Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him. (King James Version)

**1PE 3: [18]** For Christ also hath once suffered for sins [For Christ suffered for sins once for all *time*], **the just** [the righteous] **for the unjust** [for the unrighteous], **that he might bring us to God** [that He might take and bring us with Himself to God], **being put to death in the flesh** [in *his* body], **but quickened by the Spirit** [but made alive again by the Spirit]: [19] **By which also he went and preached** [proclaimed] **unto the spirits in prison** [*human* spirits or *imprisoned souls*]; [20] **Which sometime** [in time past or formerly] **were disobedient** [or unbelieving], **when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah** [when once the slowness of God to avenge wrongs remained in the days of Noah before the flood], **while the ark was a-preparing** [being

built], wherein few [a small number], that is, eight souls [people] were saved by [or through] water [or flood]. [21] The like figure [This resembles] whereunto even baptism doth also now save us [baptism that now saves us] (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh [not the removal of dirt from the flesh], but the answer of a good conscience toward God [but the appeal to God for a clear conscience ,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ [through the resurrection of Jesus Christ]: [22] Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him [in submission to Him]. (The Simplified King James Version – literal text)

**1PE 3:[18]** For Christ suffered for sins once for all *time*, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might take and bring us with Himself to God. He was put to death in *his* body, but made alive again by the Spirit: [19] By which also He went and proclaimed unto the human spirits and imprisoned souls; [20] Which in time past were disobedient and unbelieving, when once the slowness of God to avenge wrongs remained in Noah's days [*before the flood*]. At that time the ark was being built, wherein a small number, that is, eight people were saved by and through the water. [21] This resembles baptism that now saves us, not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but the appeal to God for a clear conscience through the resurrection of Jesus Christ: [22] Who is *now* gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God with angels, authorities and powers being in submission to Him. (The Simplified King James Version – paraphrased)

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**15. Read 1 Peter 3:18.** Christ suffered for our sins once and for all time. True or False.

**16. Read 1 Peter 3:18.** The righteous One (Jesus) suffered for: a. good people. b. those who were trying their best. c. the unrighteous (in order to bring us to God).

**17. Read 1 Peter 3:19-20.** Jesus preached to the disobedient and unbelieving people of Noah's day. True or False.

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**19. Read 1 Peter 3:21.** In baptism we appeal to God for a clear conscience. True or False.

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Again, read this chapter (1 Peter 3) in a translation of your choice (or in the Simplified King James Version – Paraphrased, at the end of this book) and as a group discuss its contents.

## ANSWER KEY

### (1 Peter Chapter 3)

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