LIVING UP in a DOWN WORLD

Family: Fathers

1 Peter 3:1-7

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The Preface

• The Author’s Perspective:
• The Author’s Goal:
• The Author’s Definition of Terms:
A Man (Father/Husband) Is A Created Spiritual Being That Has A Body and Expresses Himself Through Will, Emotion and Intellect
3 Fundamental Principles

1. Each of the three areas AFFECT the others
   ~1Peter 3:7: *Relational affects spiritual*

2. We often VALUE the wrong areas
   ~1Peter 3:3-4 *Valuing external vs spiritual*

3. The SPIRITUAL dimension is most important
   ~Eph 5:23: *Husbands reflect Christ*
   ~Eph 5:25: *Wives reflect the Church*
3 Critical Priorities

1. **Surrender Yourself** To Christ Spiritually

   ~1Co 11:1 Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

   a. Accept Christ
   b. Be baptized
   c. Worship
   d. Grow
   e. Serve
   f. Give
   h. Study
   i. Pray
2. **Lead Your Wife Spiritually**

~Eph 5:23 *For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church*

a. You focus on you
b. Lead like Jesus
   - Love like Jesus
   - Give yourself like Jesus
   - Lay down your life like Jesus
   - Give up will
   - Act like Jesus
   - Listen like Jesus
   - Glorify like Jesus
3 Critical Priorities

3. **Train Your Children Spiritually**
   ~Col 3:21  “Fathers, do not embitter your children...”
   ~Deut 6:6-7 “Teach these things to your children when you walk, and sit and rise up and lay down...”
3 Challenges on Fathers Day

- Surrender Yourself
- Lead Your Wife
- Teach Your Children