

# SERMON OUTLINE

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Sunday Morning 9/2/07

## *“Promoting Unity - 1 Peter 3”*

### **I. Topic to be Discussed**

- A. Peter deals with real life in the book of 1 Peter. He’s a real person who offers us useful instruction in dealing with struggles we often face—pressure from the world to turn away from what is right.
- B. In chapter 3, Peter emphasizes what it takes to influence others and promote unity in our relationships with the world.

### **II. Influencing Others for Good**

- A. Influence by Respectful Behavior | 1 Peter 3:1-6
  - 1. Submission is a choice: hupotasso = “to rank yourself under” another. It is my choice to do it or not.
  - 2. Submission battles against ego
  - 3. Harmonious relationships are possible when we are willing and prepared to submit. Without submission there will be conflict.
  - 4. We all must learn to submit for we are all “under” authority.
- B. Do Not Abuse Your Position of Authority | 1 Peter 3:7
  - 1. Dwell according to knowledge = understand their vulnerable position as they choose to submit to you
  - 2. Love and submission go together (1 Pet 1:22; 2:17; 4:8; 5:5)
  - 3. There is an equality in man and women when it comes to our relationship with God, treat her as such.
  - 4. Remember God’s grace toward you. Although He had a right to wield His power, He showed grace to you.
- C. Make Peace Your Goal | 1 Peter 3:8-12
  - 1. Quote from Psalm 34 - do you want joy? Then seek peace.
  - 2. We need to analyze our goals – what is my life about?
- D. Remember Whom You Serve | 1 Peter 3:13-17
  - 1. Quote from Isaiah 8:12 - the pressure from the world to submit to their ways (intimidation)
  - 2. Instead: Sanctify Christ as Lord = “to set apart as special”
  - 3. We express this with an attitude of gentleness and respect
- E. Follow Jesus’ Example | 1 Peter 3:18-22
  - 1. Jesus’ goal: to bring us to God
  - 2. Some didn’t listen (He suffered anyway), some did.

### **III. Conclusion**

- A. How many lost souls are looking for the truth?
- B. Show them the way