



## **GROWING IN GOD'S DESIGN FOR THE HOME**

### ***I Peter 3:1-7***

*Three aids for growing in God's design for the home:*

#### **I. Agree with God**

Women:

- a. Submit to your husband
- b. Be pure and respectful
- c. Adorn yourself with a gentle and quiet spirit
- d. Hope in God in your submission

Men:

Lead your wives lovingly as one who is:

- a. A rigorous learner of your wife
- b. Continually showing her honor

#### **II. Resolve to grow**

#### **III. Embrace God's means of grace**

- a. His Word (2:1-3)
- b. His people (Eph 4:16; Titus 2:1-8; II Tim 2:2)
- c. His power (I Peter 3:7; Phil 2:12-13)



## Questions for discussion:

### Men ask your wife:

- i. In what ways do you observe me actively seeking to be a learner of you?
- ii. Are there any ways where I have neglected to understand you?
- iii. Is there anything in my actions or speech that lead you to feel dishonored?
- iv. Is there anything in my character or leadership that makes it difficult to submit to me?
- v. What do you see as my strengths in leading our home?
- vi. Where do you see the need for growth in my leadership of our home?  
Are there ways I can improve in the following:
  - a. Practical provisions (Am I a hard worker)
  - b. Home management (i.e., finances, budget, tasks in the home, home repairs, etc)
  - c. Involvement in parenting
  - d. Spiritual disciplines in the home (i.e., bible reading, prayer, family worship, personal devotions, family devotions, prioritizing church involvement, life commitments (hobbies, kids activities, etc))
  - e. Are there ways you see imbalance in my life and priorities?

### Women ask your husband:

- i. In what ways do you see me submitting willingly and joyfully?
- ii. Are there any ways where I have failed to submit to you fully or willingly?
- iii. Are there areas where you observe me needing to grow in purity and respectful behavior?
- iv. Are there any ways where you observe me being overly concerned with external adornments?
- v. Do you observe any areas where I need to give attention to growing in a gentle and quiet spirit?
- vi. Are there any ways I can grow as a helper for you in our home?  
Are there ways I can improve in the following:
  - a. Worker in the home
  - b. Caring for the children
  - c. Submitting to your spiritual direction and leadership
  - d. Respecting you