***In Times Like These - James, Peter, John, Jude***

**Lesson 10**

**Wedlock or Deadlock**

Read I Peter 3

 Memory Work: I Peter 3:15 (more if you are able)

 1.a. What does the “likewise” refer back to? See Chapter 2:21-25.

 b. Do these verses to wives shed a different light on submission?

Review c. What two situations, involving submission, has Peter already discussed? I Peter 2:13,18.

 d. Define submission. . .what does it mean to you?

 e. What reason did Peter give for a wife to submit to her husband even if he is not saved or is

 disobedient?

 f. What opportunity does submission give to a wife of an unsaved or disobedient husband?

 g. What kind of conduct will win over the husband (I Peter 3:2.). . .why conduct accompanied by fear?

h. What difference would practicing God’s principle of submission make in a wife’s relationship with

 her husband?

 2.a. How does Peter define a wife of incorruptible beauty?

 b. What does God think of a gentle and quiet spirit?

c. Why is inward beauty more important than outward beauty or appearance. . .how is this obtained?

Challenge 3. Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord (verse 6). Did she have an easy situation for her submission?

Think about 4. How might a wife apply submission, reverence, and doing what is right without fear when her husband. . .

 a. asks her to do something she believes is unbiblical (Acts 5:1-10)?

 b. hits her?

 c. forbids her to attend church or read the Bible?

 5. Why should a husband dwell with his wife with understanding, giving honor to his wife, the weaker

 vessel?

6.a. From verse 8, list the seven objectives that describe the attitudes and the conduct that Christians should have toward each other.

 b. Because we are called to be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Verse 9.

 c. Why is harmony among Christians crucial? Matthew 18:19,20.

Think about d. How may Christians disagree while maintaining harmony. . .how can this be done?

 e. Do you think most Christians, today, practice verses 10-12. . .give observations.

 f. What Old Testament reference is Peter quoting in verses 10-12. . .and New testament?

 g. How should you settle a disagreement Biblically?

 Matthew 18:15-19 Luke 23:34

 I Peter 4:8 Isaiah 53:7

 h. The bottom line: God is in the business of r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.

 7.a. Are you able to answer the question in verse 13?

 b. The answer to persecution is found in verses 14 and 15, which says:

 c. In regard to all of this, how important is verse 16? See I Timothy 1:19 also.

 d. From verses 13- 17, should you fear what man might do to you? See Matthew 10:28.

 e. In summary, what is the spiritual principle found here concerning fear?

 f. What does Peter tell us is better?

 8. From I Peter 3:18-22, what do you learn about Christ’s ministry from the following:

 His death?

 \* That He preached to spirits?

 His resurrection?

 His ascension

 \* Verse 19 is difficult to interpret. There are several theories. For insight, see Noah in Genesis 6:1-8.

II Peter 2:4; Jude 6.

 9. Where is Christ today? I Peter 3:22 and Hebrews 7:25.