

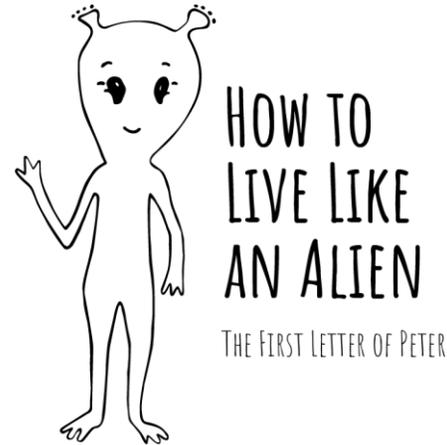
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How to Live Like an Alien
The First Letter of Peter

**No. 15 – Keeping Our Conduct
Honorable as God’s People, pt. 5**

1 Peter 3:1-6

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Review

The apostle Peter, writing to Christians who are both *elect* and *exiles*, encourages them to live faithfully...

- Praising God for Our Salvation (1:3-12)
- Setting Our Hope on God (1:13-21)
- Growing in God's Word (1:22-2:3)
- Being Built Up as a Spiritual House (2:4-8, 9-10)
- Keeping Our Conduct Honorable as God's People (2:9-10, 11-12)
 - Being Subject as Citizens to Human Authorities (2:13-17)
 - Being Subject as Servants to Our Masters (2:18-25)
 - Being Subject as Wives to Husbands (3:1-6)

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1 Peter 3:1-6

^{ESV} **1 Peter 2:** ¹³ Be **subject** for the Lord's sake to every human institution...
¹⁸ Servants, be **subject** to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust... ^{3:1} Likewise, wives, be **subject** to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives- ² when they see your respectful and pure conduct. ³ Do not let your adorning be external- the braiding of hair, the wearing of gold, or the putting on of clothing- ⁴ but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. ⁵ For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their husbands, ⁶ as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening. ⁷ Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

How to Live Like an Alien (“sojourners” and “exiles,” 2:11)...

- > ...means knowing who we are (“God’s people,” 2:9-10) and living our lives among unbelievers accordingly (“abstaining” from fleshly passions and “keeping” honorable conduct, 2:11-12)...
- > ...which includes being subject to human authorities...
 - > ...like government (“kings” and “governors,” 2:13-17)...
 - > ...and masters (household despots, 2:18-25)...
 - > ...and **husbands** (3:1-7)

Keeping our conduct honorable as God’s people...

Wives must be subject to their husbands (3:1-6)

Why... (vv. 1-2)

How... (vv. 3-6)

‘Likewise, wives be subject to your own husbands...’ (v. 1)

What does Peter mean? (v. 18)

‘likewise...’

‘wives be subject to your own husbands...’

‘even if some do not obey the word...’

Why?

so that even if some do not obey the word...

they may be won without a word...

by the conduct of their wives...

when they see your respectful and pure conduct...

How?

adorning (*kosmos*, v. 3 and v. 5)

do not let your adorning be external...

but let your adorning be *internal*...

for this is how the holy women...used to adorn themselves...

Focus *more* on...

- ...ordered behavior, than speaking your mind;
- ...God-assigned roles and responsibilities, than your personal rights;
- ...the condition and disposition of the heart, than being put-together well;
- ...lasting relevance, than fading beauty;
- ...true value, than cheap attention;
- ...hope in God, than fearing what’s frightful;
- ...doing good, than being served.