

## RELATING TO OTHERS

### a). How do you relate to your spouse?

1 Peter 3:1 (NIV) *Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, <sup>2</sup> when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.*

- 90% of boys raised in church will leave the church
- 90% of men say they believe in God, 83% call themselves Christians – but only 33% attend church

<sup>3</sup> *Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes.*

<sup>4</sup> *Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. <sup>5</sup> For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, <sup>6</sup> like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.*

1 Peter 3:7 (NIV) *Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.*

### 2). How do you relate to those inside the Church?

1 Peter 3:8 (NIV) *Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.*

We don't GO to church. We ARE the church.

### 3). How do you relate to those outside the church?

1 Peter 3:9 (NIV) *Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.*

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV) *But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.<sup>16</sup> keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.*

- Be Reverent:
- Be Prepared:
- Be Respectful:

#### My Next Step:

- I will love/serve my spouse
- I will not give up on the church or the people in it.
- I will be prepared to share my faith
- I will treat those I disagree with respectfully