

Letter to elect exiles **FIRST PETER**

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MORE ABOUT CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

JER.17:1-10/1PET.3:1-9

1) HOPING IN GOD WITHIN CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

A. The Tree Metaphor; Distinguishing Fruit from Root

Mat.12:33-35 Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.

Col.2:6 Therefore as you have received X Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him...

Psa.1:3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

Jer.17:5-8 Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

B. Submission in Thought, Word, and Deed

2) DISTINCTIVE CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

A. Holy Women Who Hoped in God

Pro.31:30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

B. Likewise, Husbands, Who Live with Their Wives According to Knowledge

1 Cor. 7:2-5 But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

3) EVANGELISTIC AND APOLOGETIC CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE