

LESSON 14: CHOICES THAT SHAPE THE HEART

Intro:

BIG IDEA: Jesus offers us more valuable, incorruptible treasures.

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 and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear—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 own 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. **1 Peter 3**

Life Shaped by the Cross

- Peter wrote to a _____ church to remind them what was valuable: _____.
- They had to _____ their eyes focused on the One God declares as _____.
- Jesus _____ on the cross to redeem us by shedding His priceless _____.
- Jesus also showed us the _____ for _____ in a way that brings glory to God.

Win Hearts, Not Arguments

- Covenant headship was practiced even by _____ in that day.
- A wife's conversion was seen as a _____ to the social _____ of the day.
- Peter notes that many of their husbands _____ the Word; didn't repent & believe.
- Some attacked their wives _____: beatings, verbal abuse, neglect.
- Some attacked their wives _____: scheduling things to keep them from worship.
- We are to _____ to legitimate authority as long as we are not told to _____.
- Rebellious wives (children, employees) bring _____ to Christ.
- Reason: that the husband may be _____ to Christ _____!
- When words are considered _____ you preach with your life.
- Too often we focus on winning the argument (_____ & _____).
- Our desire should be to win hearts: _____, knowing when to be silent...

Trust God to Vindicate

- Peter points us to Jesus at the end of chapter 2. Jesus suffered _____!
- Jesus didn't _____ back or _____. He _____ Himself into the Father's hands.

Marriage: A Practical Theology

- Jesus experienced _____ at the resurrection; more at the _____.
- The same _____ at work in Jesus while He suffered is in us when we suffer.
- Submission is about _____ relationship to God.
- In difficult times we _____ the God would work, that God would _____ with them.

Please God, Not People

- The flesh wants to be _____, and it wants _____ from other people.
- These women sought approval from their _____: time, energy & resources used.
- It conveyed _____, and boasted about the _____ of the husband.
- All of these things are corruptible, perishable. Our _____ will _____ with them.
- Living for such approval is a sign that a person has lost _____ of the _____.
- A Christian woman should be adorned with a _____ & _____ spirit: of great value.
- This internal beauty is “very _____” “in God’s sight”. They _____ Him!
- Quiet & gentle hearts are precious in _____! Produced by _____ & _____.
- Such people don’t _____ back, _____ back or get _____. They focus on the Story.

Commit to God’s Glory, Not Yours

- Man’s approval is _____. It ends when you get wrinkles, weak or are wrong.
- If you live for your glory you will find _____, loneliness and despair => _____.
- God’s approval is _____ and grounded in our _____ with Christ.
- Faith rests in Christ’s perfect _____ instead of trying to _____ our own.
- Faith receives Christ’s _____ instead of trying to _____ our own.
- Humility recognizes that we don’t _____ everything & often go _____ ourselves.
- We therefore are able to gently _____ sinners instead of _____ them.

Choose Obedience Over Rights

- _____ drives so many of our actions and reactions. We want _____!
- Fear leads us to think about our _____, our _____ and getting our _____.
- God calls us to _____.
- Abraham was not _____ making bad choices despite being God’s _____.
- Even godly husbands can be difficult to follow at times because they are still _____.
- “*Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord*”. She honored & _____ her imperfect man.

Believe God Is in Control

- God _____ all of our _____.
- Sarah and Monica believed that their _____ was under God's _____.
- Understanding God's sovereignty (and His heart) set them _____ to _____.
- Nothing could separate them from the love of God in Christ, even their _____!
- Remember that God will be _____. Remember that God will be _____. Faithful!
- Monica could not control her _____, and neither can any of us.
- She could control her _____, and so can you. Those choices shape your _____.
- Those choices can also _____ other people's _____.
- _____ him to vindicate you & ultimately _____ His name in your circumstances.

Conclusion: