

Hey guys how's it going?.....and today lets talk about being quiet.

Ok now that we understand that to subject ourselves to our husbands means a settled state of mind and action that we are under his jurisdiction by the decree of God.

We don't wish to say as the nations

, and peoples, and kings and rulers said in Psalms chapter 2: let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us.

But we acknowledge we are willing participants in the God ordained order established for the family unit, correct? Okay, let's continue with the text.

that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

So, in light of our, for lack of a better word, allegiance to our husband, we can now proceed with the real issue that causes us all a lot of anguish...our husband's life in the Lord. So in this text, the husband is an unbeliever. How do we know, well 1 John 3 says **4** Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

This husband is characterized as a man who doesn't obey the word. Sinning which is disobeying God is what he does as a lifestyle whereas we who are born again do not have a pattern of sinning. Yes, we do sin but we aren't in the habit of living in sin. So, if your husband is a believer who is maybe a new creation in Christ or who is willfully disobeying God, although he know the ordinances of God, he is not an unbeliever who could potentially be saved by observing his wife but he is just a believer who needs to be called back to obedience and you will not be the person to do that with words. Your continued obedience to God coupled with your behavior set forth by the text is the only witness you can use to influence your husband to return to the Lord in obedience. So in my case, my husband being a professing believer, there are times when I feel and may be assured that he is in fact in direct disobedience in a particular area. I am not to point it out, but to keep living the christian life in front of him while God works on his conscience. Putting the pressure He knows is appropriate for His son upon him. My husband's continued obedience can be strengthened when he witnesses his wife continuing to walk in the obedience he knows is commanded of her and lets speak

plainly here, all men want to appear smarter and righter than his woman but your good works are screaming at him that he's losing and you are winning and he won't feel good about that. Not that he's envious, but that he is most likely being lazy and he wouldn't want to look like that in your eyes.

But back to the unbelieving spouse, this husband cannot do the will of God. The text says "if they don't obey the word, they can also without the word be won". He does not need to recite the ordinances of God or even respect them.

The bible tells us the in 1 corinthians 2: 14 **4** But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned

. So your unbelieving husband doesn't receive what the word says, he actually thinks they are foolish & dumb. But not only that, he himself is ignorant of the true reality of the word of God, even if he knows a few of the words, because he cannot understand them because he has to have the holy spirit, same as you. You don't just know, approve, desire the word of God all on your own, you were changed in salvation to know, approve, understand and desire the word. So if you can't do it apart from the spirit, then remember that your husband cannot as well. But God said he doesn't need to hear the word to have it lead him to Christ. He needs it to receive salvation but to be won has an interesting meaning.

The word Won in the Strong's concordance says it means gain or win. Hmm, that didn't really give me more insight but lets look at my study bible. I use the NASB version as well as the KJV and in the NASB, look beside the word won, there is an upper case C. Well down under scriptures, there is a section with related texts that is very useful. So if we look at the verse and the upper case c, it tells us to go to 1 Corinthians 9:19 . So let's go there. Now this verse says **9** For though I am free from all *men*, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more. Paul goes on to say

To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under ^[h]the Law, as under ^[i]the Law though not being myself under ^[i]the Law, so that I might win those who are under ^[k]the Law; **21** to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law. **22** To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some.

Ok now, I understand more clearly. Paul has an evangelistic heart and he truly wants people to come to faith in Jesus Christ and as far as he is concerned, being absolutely free from anybody, he will make himself appeal to those he wishes to win. He's saying his life is a living sacrifice, open to be used by God in the service of whoever needs it.

As a wife, is this the scope of your heart? Do you really want your husband saved for the glory of God and for the salvation of his soul from damnation or do you just want a good marriage that doesn't cause you any distress? Be honest. Things going well for us might cause us to selfishly pray for change in our men but mainly for our own benefit. Paul is showing us how very committed he is to this cause, are you just as committed. Or is your commitment trivial and waning in times of stress? Are you willing to be the living sacrifice upon the service of your husband's faith? Don't misunderstand. We see all too often those who say "I dressed like them and went to their drunken parties to show that I am not better than them just because I am christian" and often those same people don't even open their mouths to preach the gospel. This isn't what Paul is saying. He's saying the Jews have a standard and it's a small thing to me to live at that standard in order to gain an audience with them and have their respect and most importantly, their ear in order to be able to witness for Christ.

So as a wife, we all know exactly what men want: sweet, submissive wives who aren't nagging or making herself irritating to him. Well, if this is the way to gain an audience with your husband and to have his ear that you may TELL THE GOSPEL to him and not just make him love you and cherish you, then are you willing to live your life in this way? Paul didn't say he wanted the Jews to be better people or those without the law to become moral citizens, no, he wanted them saved and betrothed to Christ. That was his mission and that is the mission of the wife as well. Most importantly, You are not living the Christian life in front of him to show him how to do it or be like you.

We want to win our husbands and this is the way to do it. As they observe you. This means that he is always watching you. I mean, you already knew that because you walk past him then turn to see if he's watching, and he is. Well he is watching you a lot more than you know. He is very interested in you. And not just physically. He is always examining you and how you live out your life. Have you ever asked him what he really thinks of you? Wait...don't go ask him yet, if you've been being yourself you will NOT like the response. Do it on a good day when you haven't been causing problems like your friend Jacqueline. It may take him some time but he'll have something to say, just make it clear this isn't a fishing expedition for compliments (you can hit him up for those goodies later on ahahaha). What words does he use to describe you?

Years ago, I remember my husband once remarking about a wife we knew who was divorced by her cheating husband and he said "that man was not a believer because believers don't do things like that and I'm glad the Lord got him out of there, she knows how to take care of a christian husband and hopefully the Lord will bless her with the right christian man for her" and I looked him. I asked if he would describe me like that

and he said I think you are on the right track to becoming what you ought to be. I was beaming!! I had been working hard on my behavior and reactions and this was high praise indeed. Old me would have looked for the offense and flew off the handle but I had been killing that sinful impulse for a while at that point.

So we have learned that we need to examine our motives to see if we just want a well behaved husband or a born again, spirit controlled husband. AND if we are willing to be poured out vessels fit for use to win him without words, following the example of the Apostle Paul.

What about you? In what ways have you committed yourself to your husband specifically to win his audience? Let us know down below in the comments section.

That's it for today guys thank you for joining me, ill see you next time!