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## *Weekly Devotional*

WEEK EIGHT -

### *Without a Word*

*Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,*

1 Peter 3:1(NKJV)

Last week just the men were addressed concerning the manner in which they are to treat their wives. This week we *ladies* will look at the same passage of Scripture a few verses up, as it pertains to us and how *we* are to behave towards our husbands.

Our Scripture text tells us that our husbands can be won over even when they are not submitting to the Word of God in an area and being resistant if we will simply just keep quiet! Amazing! I can say for myself that using that strategy was not the first tactic I tried in such cases.

Typically speaking, we like to point out the problem and drive our point home for a landing with several choice words, illustrations, and scenarios, but here we are told the *right* way to produce the desired outcome. Simply keep quiet. It's not to say that we can never speak into situations, or give an opinion, but what it *is* saying is that we don't have to be the enforcer in the matter. We are to simply speak what's on our heart and leave the *enforcing* to God.

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I remember the best advice I ever got from a marriage pastor on this subject.

She was speaking at a retreat weekend and told the ladies that the best way to handle those kinds of situations is to “shut up and pray”. I laughed out loud! That’s putting it plainly, easy breezy!

You see, whenever we are using our many words and enforcing tone with our husband, the message gets lost in translation. It’s like static. If we are to make any real headway, we will have to say what needs to be said in a *respectful* manner, hands off the hips, and then take the matter to the Lord leaving the outcome to *Him*. So, it’s simple, the way to win the war is not with calculated maneuvering and skillful rebuff, but instead to entrust it to the Lord in prayer and without a word at all.

*She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
And on her tongue is the law of kindness.*

Proverbs 31:26 (NKJV)