

**HOW TO BE UNSELFISH**  
**Dawn Is Coming – Part7**  
**5-24-2026 - Pentecost Sunday**

**hupotasso: Submit means to arrange yourself under.**

**1 Peter 3:1a (NIV)** *“Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands.”*

**To hand in something for consideration or judgment.**

**Submit: The courage to give up your rights  
in order to meet the needs of another person.**

**1 Peter 3:7a (NIV)** *“Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives.”*

**The goal of marriage is two people who are both trying  
as hard as they can to be like Jesus to each other.**

**To submit is the ability to be unselfish in our relationships.**

**WHY YOU SHOULD BE UNSELFISH**

**1. Because selfishness is the source of conflict.**

**James 4:1 (NCV)** *“Do you know where your fights and arguments come from? They come from the selfish desires that war within you.”*

**1 Peter 3:3-4 (NIV)** *“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.”*

**1 Timothy 4:8 (NIV)** *“For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.”*

**2 Corinthians 4:16 (NIV)** *“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.”*

**2. Because unselfishness is the secret to change.**

**1 Peter 3:1-2 (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.”*

### **3. Because selfishness short circuits prayer.**

**1 Peter 3:7a&c (NIV)** *“Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives... so that nothing will hinder your prayers.”*

**Selfishness at its core says, “I’m depending on myself.”  
Prayer at its core says, “I’m depending on God.”**

## **HOW YOU CAN BE UNSELFISH**

### **1. Be understanding: Consider the needs of others.**

**1 Peter 3:7a (NCV)** *“In the same way, you husbands should live with your wives in an understanding way.”*

**Understanding comes as you get to know the other person.**

**Philippians 4:5 (TLB)** *“Let everyone see that you are unselfish and considerate in all you do. Remember that the Lord is coming soon.”*

**To develop the skill of listening:**

- **You have to be willing to work at it.**
- **Let them tell it their way.**
- **Make eye contact when you listen.**

### **2. Be respectful: Honor the value in others.**

**1 Peter 3:5-6 (NIV)** *“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 3:7a&b (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.”*

**1 Corinthians 13:5b (TLB)** *“Love does not demand its own way.”*

**1 Corinthians 16:14 (NIV)** *“Do everything in love.”*