

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter

Beloved:

You wives should be subordinate to your husbands so that,
even if some disobey the word
they may be won over without a word by their wives conduct
when they observe your reverent and chaste behavior.

Your adornment should not be an external one:

braiding their hair, wearing gold jewelry, or dressing in fine
clothes,

but rather the hidden character of the heart,
expressed by the imperishable beauty
of a gentle and calm disposition
which is precious in the sight of God

For this is also how the holy women who hoped in God
once used to adorn themselves
and were subordinate to their husbands;
thus Sarah obeyed Abraham calling him “lord.”

You are her children when you do what is good
and fear no intimidation.

Likewise, you husbands should live with your wives in understanding,
showing honor to the weaker female sex,
since we are joint heirs to the gift of life,
so that your prayers may not be hindered.

Finally, all of you, be of one mind, sympathetic,
and loving towards one another, compassionate, humble.
Do not return evil for evil, or insult for insult;
but, on the contrary, a blessing, because you were called, that you
might inherit a blessing.

The word of the Lord.