Question #1: Does Peter compare marriage to slavery?

Wives, <u>in the same way</u> submit yourselves to your own husbands…
1 Pet. 3:1

What is the difficulty with the phrase "in the same way?" What would be a better translation for this phrase in 1 Pet. 3:1?

See also 1 Peter 3:3, 5:5

Question #2: Are wives weaker than husbands?

Peter calls wives *the weaker partner*. 1 Pet. 3:7

How do we know that Peter considers wives important and valuable human beings? 1 Peter 3:7

Question #3: Are wives to submit to husbands?

Peter says wives are to *be submissive* to husbands. 1 Pet. 3:1
See also Eph. 5:22,24, Col:3:18

If you consider yourself to be a follower of Jesus you have committed yourself, whether male or female, to a life of s_____, first to God, and then to others.

Question #4: Peter says much more to wives than to husbands. Isn't that unfair?

What is a household code? What were the relationships in a typical first century household? See Eph. 5:21-6:9

What is different about Peter's household code? Why is it different? 1 Pet. 2:12, 3:8-9

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. … Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rom 12:17,14

You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. … You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you… Matt. 5:38-39, 43-44

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Rom. 12:21

Conclusion and Application

To take home: ***Followers of Jesus are to refuse to return evil for evil, and engage in aggressive goodness toward all, especially toward those who persecute them. We must "turn from evil and do good."***

How does this lesson apply to your life? What will you do as a result of this message?