

**Series "Living God Gives A Living Hope"**  
**"The Mind Of Christ"**  
**1 Peter 5:5-9**  
**Study-20**

**Godly attitudes are so essential in the producing of a "Spiritually Minded Believer."**

**1 Peter 5:1-4 – The Conduct Of The Church Leaders.**

**1 Peter 5:5-9 – The Counsel To All Members:** All believers will be called into account before God.

**1 Peter 3:13-5:14 – God's Grace And Suffering.**

**Thought Of The Passage:** "The Mind Of Christ Is Seen In Submission, Humility, Trusting Him And Being Watchful."

**1. Verses 5-7 – Be Humble**

**2. Verses 8-9 – Be Watchful**

**1. Verses 5-7 – Be Humble:**

1 Peter 5:5

**Peter Gives 3 Appeals To The Suffering Believers:**

**1. Verse 5 – Younger Men, Be Submissive To Your Elders:** "You younger men, likewise," – Note The Context – "likewise," – what is Peter referring to? 1 Peter 5:1-4.

"likewise," – "in your turn;" the younger men's attitude should parallel that of the leaders. "You younger men," – speaks of "new, youthful in age; could also mean young in the faith."

We Cannot Solve Our Problems, We Need Others: "likewise, be subject to your elders;" – word "subject" – to "place under in an orderly fashion;" and was a military term; "to voluntarily show respect, and to revere."

Submission is a vital part of authentic Christian lifestyle. We cannot follow Jesus without submitting to Him.

"Elder" – "the maturity, and dignity of the officer." Those that are responsible for the care of the local congregation, the senior leaders of the congregation. Terms "Bishop, Overseer, Pastor" refer to the same office.

"be subject to your elders;" – And it's in the aorist tense and imperative mood, which means "it is a command to fall into line under God-appointed leadership and to do it now." Obedience – 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13.

The Power To Submission Is The Holy Spirit: Ephesians 5:18.

Evidence Of Being Filled Is Joy: Ephesians 5:19.

Evidence Of Being Filled Is Thankfulness: Ephesians 5:20.

Evidence Of Being Filled Is Submissive: Ephesians 5:21.

## **2. Verse 5 – All Must Be Clothed With Humility Towards Others:**

"and all of you," – Pastors & Congregation; "clothe yourselves with humility toward one another," – "a slave putting on an apron before tackling his tasks. It literally means to tie something on oneself with a knot," John 13:4-5.

"humility" – "humiliation of mind, modesty, humbleness of mind, lowliness of mind."

We as believers in the church fellowship must tie on the apron of humility.

The Reason For Humility: "for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." – Peter quotes Proverbs 3:34.

"opposed" – It means "to set Himself against, to set an army in array against." "This is the Almighty who declares war on the proud." Greek Present tense, meaning that "God is continually against the arrogant," James 4:6.

The Truth – We Cannot Solve Our Own Problems, We Need God: "BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." – "Grace" – is God's generous favor to undeserving sinners, Isaiah 57:15.

Proverbs 15:33

## **3. Verses 6-7 – All Must Be Humble Before God: 1 Peter 5:6 – "Therefore" – what is the "therefore" there for? "clothe yourselves with humility, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."**

"humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God" – This was modeled by Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, Matthew 26:36-46. It was 3X, Matthew 26:39 – "yet not as I will, but as You will."

"under the mighty hand of God," – This expression was used of God toward Israel when they were in the grip of Egyptian bondage; deliverance, and discipline, Exodus 3:19; 6:1; 13:3; Deuteronomy 26:8.

"humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God," – Knowing that He is in complete control.

Remember, God Works On His Own Time Schedule: "that He may exalt you at the proper time,"

1 Peter 5:7

How To Show That We Trust God: "casting all" – "casting or throwing once and for all," Isaiah 53:4.

"your anxiety" – "to be anxious about, to be concerned, your cares;" Past, present, future fears and cares.

Luke 12:6-7

"on Him," – Psalm 77:1

God Really Cares About Us: "because He cares for you." – Christianity is light years from religion. Religion: man seeks God, John 13:1.

James 1:5-8; Psalm 55:22

## **2. Verses 8-9 – Be Watchful:**

1 Peter 5:8 – "Be of sober spirit," – "be sane, self-controlled."

"be on the alert." – "be ever watching, to be awake or keep awake"

The Devil Is The Enemy Of Righteousness: "Your adversary," – this word comes from 2 Greek words, "anti" – means "against;" "dikos" – "righteousness." The devil is against every form of righteousness that has been made known; "opponent;" he is against God and man.

John 8:44 – “You are of your father the devil,” – Note: “If the devil is the father of some, God can’t be the father of all!”

“the devil,” – Satan; Greek “Diabolos;” “false accuser, slanderous, accusing falsely,” Revelation 12:10.

The Devil Is A Living Personality: “the devil,” – “But resist him,”

Our Society Has Medicalized Everything. Sins are disease. When it comes to Satan and being demonized, we prescribe medications.

The Devil Is Extremely Active: “prowls around” – He is the personification of perpetual motion; Restless energy in search for victims, Job 1:7.

Psalm 121:3-5

The Devil Is The Master Of Camouflage: “like a roaring lion,” – speaks of the Devil’s vicious nature, Psalm 10:9-10.

Genesis 3:1; Matthew 4:1-11; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

The Devil Is No Respector Of Persons: “seeking someone to devour.” – Literally, “swallow down, to gulp down, destroy their faith, wants to kill.”

1 Peter 5:9

“But resist him,” – military term “to stand against.” This is the same word in 1 Peter 5:5.

We Don’t Run From The Devil: James 4:7.

We Retreat From Evils: The Situation Of Joseph, Genesis 39:11-12.

1 Corinthians 6:18 – “Flee immorality.” – The word “Flee” – “to run away, to escape,” 1 Corinthians 10:14.

“firm in your faith,” – “solid as a foundation,” James 4:7.

Ephesians 6:10-11

Encouraging Reminder, That Other Believers Also Suffer.

“Brethren” – “Your brothers; an uncommon term for brotherhood; speaks of our oneness, solidarity of believers.”

## **Application:**

1. Young Men Are Instructed To Be Submissive To Their Elders. Submission Is a Vital Part Of Authentic Christian Lifestyle. We Cannot Follow Jesus Without Submitting To Him.
2. We Cannot Solve Our Own Problems, We Need God And We Need To Be Humble. "God GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE"
3. Remember, God Works On His Own Time Schedule. "He May Exalt You At The Proper Time."
4. 1 Peter 5:8 – "Be of sober spirit, be on the alert." – God's Sovereignty Should Never To Be Divorced From Human Responsibility.