

Humility, Dependence And Spiritual Warfare

1 Peter 5:4-11

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,

casting all your anxieties on him,
because he cares for you. Be sober-
minded; be watchful. Your adversary
the devil prowls around like a roaring
lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist
him, firm in your faith, knowing that
the same kinds of suffering are being
experienced by your brotherhood
throughout the world.

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever.

Amen.

**Likewise, you who are younger,
be subject to the elders**

And when the **chief Shepherd**
appears, you will receive the
unfading crown of glory.

The designation of Jesus as the Chief Shepherd reminds the leaders that they are fundamentally servants, not autocrats.

Their positions of leadership are a responsibility, not a privilege by which they advance their own status. As shepherds they serve under the authority of the Chief Shepherd, doing his will rather than theirs.

- Thomas Schreiner

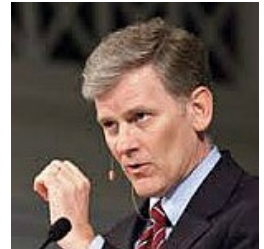


Ecclesiastes 12:1

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them"

Many seem to think they have a responsibility to submit to authority only as long as they agree with it, or as long as it is fair in their eyes, or as long as it does not require too much inconvenience.

– Bryan Chapell



Clothe yourselves, all of you, with
humility toward one another

1 Peter 3:4-5

Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear—but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart

Colossians 3:12

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience

Mark 9:33-37

And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of

all and servant of all.” And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

for “God opposes the proud but
gives grace to the humble.”

Proverbs 3:34

Toward the scorners he is scornful,
but to the humble he gives favor.

Why does God act this way?

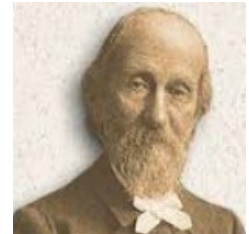
Apparently because the proud (those who are haughty or arrogant, thinking of themselves as more important than everyone else) trust in themselves, while the humble trust in God, and God delights in being trusted.

– Wayne Grudem



Just as water seeks to fill the lowest places, so God fills you with His glory and power when He finds you empty and abased.

- Andrew Murray



Humble yourselves, therefore,
under the mighty hand of God so
that at **the proper time** he may
exalt you

1 Peter 1:5

who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 4:13

But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

casting all your anxieties on him,
because he cares for you.

Psalm 55:22

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Psalm 56:3-4

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.
In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust;
I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?

You are staggering beneath a weight which your Father would not feel. What seems to you a crushing burden, would be to Him but as the small dust of the balance.

- Charles Spurgeon



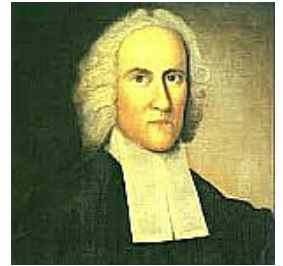
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around like a roaring lion,
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James 4:6-7

But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Nothing sets a Christian so much
out of the devil's reach than
humility.

- Jonathan Edwards



Resist him, firm in your faith,
knowing that the same kinds of
suffering are being experienced by
your brotherhood throughout the
world.

Ephesians 6:11,13

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil... Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

James 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

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But rejoice insofar as **you share Christ's sufferings**, that you may also rejoice and be **glad when his glory is revealed**.

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and ever. Amen.

It is impossible for that man to
despair who remembers that his
Helper is omnipotent.

– Jeremy Taylor

