



Humble Yourself (1 Peter 5)—Humility I01

Humility; what is humility? Humility is obeying, and yielding to God and His word. A humble person will obey and follow God's word. A proud person will do the very opposite.

1 Peter 5:4-9 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

- A. Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder.
 - a) Why are the younger commanded to submit themselves to the elder? Because it's not the natural tendency of the young to submit.
 - b) It takes humility to submit to elders or to one another.
- B. Yea, all of you be subject one to another,
 - a) We not only to submit to the elder but to one another.
 - b) Ephesians 5:21 "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."
 - c) It takes humility to submit to elders or to one another.
- C. and be clothed with humility:
 - a) "Clothed" means "to engirdle oneself i.e, to wear"

- i) We are to wear humility like an apron or clothes. It must be easily recognizable and visible. It can't be hidden. It should be easy for people to see our humility.

D. for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

- a) "resisteth" means comes from a Greek word that means to range oneself against, i.e. to oppose.
- b) God doesn't hate the proud but He will not promote them. He will not advance their cause although He loves them. So the resistance here is not depicting hatred of an individual but in other words displeasure or lack of delight. He will defeat and frustrate their plans because they are not seeking to glorify Him but themselves.
- c) Why should we be clothed with humility?
 - i) Because God resisteth the proud. If we do not live and walk with humility as a garment or something that someone sees before even they interact with us.
 - ii) Humility attracts favor or grace. Pride attracts resistance.
 - iii) The way up in the kingdom of God is the way down. Before honor is humility (Proverbs 15:33). Jesus humbled Himself before he was exalted and given a name above all names (Philippians 2).

E. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

- a) Humble yourselves.
 - i) Humility is voluntary. We must do it ourselves. Once we are forced to humble ourselves, it ceases to be humility but humiliation.
 - ii) We humble ourselves UNDER not ABOVE the Mighty hand of God.
 - iii) The result is that we will be exalted at the right time. There is due time for exaltation. It may not be instant, but we should not grow weary of well-doing because we shall reap in due time if we faint not.
 - iv) Due time means the appointed time or the right timing.

- b) There is a false humility out there. Being a quiet person doesn't mean someone is humble. Humility is not synonymous with quietness.
 - i) It takes humility to accept God's promotion when it comes. A proud person will reject or refuse promotion in the name of humility. That is truly false humility.

F. Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

a) How do we humble ourselves?

- i) By casting our care upon Him, why Him? Because He cares for us. We can confidently cast our cares upon Him because He cares for us. Romans 8:32
 - The Lord cares for us more than we can imagine or comprehend.
- ii) Let me show you a proud person; It's one who is bearing and carrying their care. You can't be humble with care and worries! That's pride. We must quit trusting and leaning on our own understanding.
- iii) Proverbs 3:34 Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly." We see an exchange of "resisteth the proud" for what Proverbs said, "scorneth the scorners."
 - By comparison, scorners = a proud person.

G. Be sober, be vigilant;

- a) If we don't cast our care upon Him, we can't be truly sober and vigilant against the devil. We will be overwhelmed by worry and care that we will lose our focus.
- b) Pride (not casting our cares upon the Lord) opens up a door to the adversary.

H. knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

a) 1 Corinthians 10:13

- b) It is important to realize that there is nothing unique that we are going through that our brothers and sisters have not gone through or are not going through. Satan is like a lion that will seek to isolate his prey. We should never let ourselves be isolated by thinking that our problems are unique to us.

Casting all your care upon Him

A. "Casting all your care upon Him"

a) "Casting" -in GK means to "throw upon"

- i) Some people think to cast is to give it over. But we learn that it means literally throwing it with all our might not even looking where it lands.
- ii) After we throw it, we should not be going around looking for it. We must throw it with no desire to go look for it. We should throw it like we never want to see it again even if we tried to look for it.
- iii) Notice that the Lord does not take your cares away. Not someone's care, but your care. You can't cast someone else's care upon the Lord.
 - You have to cast your own upon Him.
 - That's where your faith comes in. It takes faith to cast your cares upon the Lord.
 - It also takes tremendous humility to do the same.

b) "all". This word means "all, any, every, the whole."

- i) Not some of is it, not only what is beyond our ability to handle—all care.

B. "Care" in Gk is the word "Solicitude" which means "excessive concern or worry."

a) We would not worry if only we cast it to the Lord.

b) Things will speak to us both natural and artificial, but anything that speaks or gives us a thought contrary to the Word of God, you have to speak back to it or rebuke it.

- i) Never sit there and let all these thoughts, doubts, and fears drown and overwhelm you. Shoot back, speak back, and rebuke.

C. "for he careth for you".

a) Careth-GK: "melo" which means to be of interest to, to concern