

"Humility & Help"

1 Peter 5:5-7

1. In this section, Peter turns his attention from the shepherd to the sheep. He first addresses "young men". What does he exhort them to do in regards to the elders?

What should be our attitude as we willingly place ourselves under the authority of those who have been given the responsibility of leadership over us (whether that's in the church, the home, or the workplace)?

2. Peter then exhorts young and old alike to "clothe yourselves with humility toward one another". This is the image of tying an apron around us as we serve others. What other example of humility might Peter be alluding to here (see John 13:4-14)?

Why must humility be the prerequisite for service?

3. Look up Proverbs 3:34. Peter quotes this proverb to emphasize God's attitudes toward the proud and the humble:

*God is _____ to the proud, but
_____ to the humble.*

4. In verse 6, Peter says "therefore"...knowing God's attitude toward the humble and the proud...what should be our response?

The command to humble ourselves could be translated "allow yourselves to be humbled".

Peter is writing to believers who were enduring persecution. To those suffering for Christ's sake, what encouragement would they find at the end of verse 6?

As we mature in our walk with Christ, we realize that the same mighty Hand that allows suffering in our lives is the same mighty Hand that will one day exalt and lift us up.

5. Read Psalm 55:22. As believers, where can we cast all of our anxieties and worries?

Christ sustains us because He cares for us. How does this truth comfort us in whatever circumstances we are facing?

6. Read John 15:13. As we celebrate Memorial Day, how can we honor God and pay tribute to the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice in order to defend and protect the freedoms we enjoy in our country?