



## I Peter Lesson 6

### I PETER 5

*In the progression of his letter, Peter has taken his readers from assurance of their own security in the promises of God (chapter 1) to the realities of being the people of God in a world of persecution and darkness (chapters 2-4). Genuine faith that has been tested through the fires of suffering comes out more confident in the power and love of God and more determined to battle against sin by living righteously. This is lived out as the body of Christ uses its gifts to strengthen and encourage each other so we can endure the suffering with joy and show the world the presence of God in our lives.*

*To conclude his letter, Peter speaks to the those who have been put in leadership*

*positions within the local congregation of believers. They are the ones Peter is relying on to lead the followers of Christ through the difficult times they are experiencing. And as Jesus taught and modeled, leadership is an act of serving through humility. It will be in their ability to sincerely love and serve from a willing heart that they will best build up this body of believers. The Church can thrive in any conditions if the principles of love demonstrated through mutual submission, humility, grace, forgiveness, and encouragement are actively being applied. This is Peter's message throughout his epistle. It is still his message to the Church today.*

### READ 1 PETER 5

*1 Peter 5:5-9*

*5) "You younger men, likewise, be \_\_\_\_\_ to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with \_\_\_\_\_ toward one another for God is opposed to the \_\_\_\_\_, but gives grace to the humble. 6) Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you at the proper time, 7) \_\_\_\_\_ all your \_\_\_\_\_ upon Him because He cares for you. 8) Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9) But \_\_\_\_\_ him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experience of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world."*

**Word study 1**

**subject-hupotasso- from hupo meaning under and tasso meaning to place; to place in order; place oneself in submission**

*Luke 10:20*

*Romans 13:1*

*Ephesians 5:21*

*Ephesians 5:22*

*Titus 2:9*

*1 Peter 2:13*

**Word study 2**

**humility-tapeinophrosune-lowminded; base; esteeming of ourselves small, inasmuch as we are so, the correct estimate of ourselves**

*Acts 20:19*

*Ephesians 4:2*

*Philippians 2:3*

*Colossians 2:18*

*James 4:10*

**Word study 3**

**proud-huperephanos-from huper which means over or above and phaino which means to shine or show. Arrogance which is often associated with the rejection of God**

*Luke 1:51*

*Romans 1:30*

*2 Timothy 3:2*

*James 4:6*

**Word study 4**

**casting-epirripto- from epi meaning upon and rhipto meaning to cast. Figuratively, with confidence, to throw all concern and care upon another.**

*1 Peter 5:5 quoted from Psalm 55:22*

**Word study 5**

**anxiety-merimna- care that brings disruption to the personality and the mind**

*Matthew 6:27*

*Matthew 13:22*

*2 Corinthians 11:28*

*Philippians 4:6*

**Word study 6**

**resist-antihistemi- from anti meaning against and histemi meaning to stand. To stand firm and resist whether in word or deed**

*Matthew 5:39*

*Acts 6:10*

*Romans 9:19*

*Galatians 2:11*

*2 Timothy 3:8*

1. *What does Peter say gives him authority to exhort those who are leaders?*

2. *How does Peter describe “shepherding” in verses 2-3?*

3. *According to Ezekiel 34:1-10, what are some of the criticisms God had against the “shepherds of Israel”?*
  
4. *In John 10:1-18, how did Jesus describe Himself as a shepherd?*
  
5. *Why is humility such a necessary element to the proper functioning of the body of Christ? Ephesians 4:1-3; Philippians 2:3-4, 2:5-8*
  
6. *Why should the attitude of humility be a natural response for believers? Romans 5:6-11; Ephesians 2:1-9*
  
7. *Why does Peter say it’s important for us to be “sober” and “alert?” What does he say is the best way to “resist” him? Vs. 9*
  
8. *What is God’s promise to those who make it through suffering? 5:10-11*
  
9. *How do you view suffering differently than you did before you studied 1 Peter, and how should your life change because of it?*

***Prayer requests:***

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***Group time notes:***

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