

## Understanding Our Position: Submission and Humility

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### 1. Elders: Young Submit to the Older

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#### A. *Peter Exhorts the Younger Elders*

- **Likewise** - in the same way, equally
- Peter is exhorting them, in a different aspect, to live their lives as God desires
- **you younger people**, - recent, young, new, youthful
- Younger elders, or assistant pastors

#### B. *Yield to the Older or Those in Higher Position*

- **submit yourselves** {imperative} - to subject oneself, place self under, to cooperate with leadership by accepting the leaders as leaders-to quit resisting, to yield, to give way-submission assumes you don't agree about some part (details, timing, method)
  - **to [your] elders**. presbyteros - elders, aged
  - Pastors must lead the flock with a mindset of a caretaker (1 Pet. 5:3)
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### 2. Everyone: Wear Humility

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#### A. *Grab Humility and Tie It On*

- *Yes, all of [you] be submissive* - not there in many texts
- *to one another*, - reciprocally, mutually, one another
- *and be clothed* {imperative} -knot or band by which two things are fastened together, servants would have this to tie together their chest piece to an apron, so "tie your servant apparel/humility to your person
- *Colossians 3:12* , *Philippians 2:3*
- *with humility*, - having a humble opinion of yourself, modesty, lowliness of mind, understanding own moral littleness -not thinking of yourself in a high way, as someone morally excellent

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- tapeinos - not rising far from the ground
- phren -diaphragm, mind or perceiving part

**B. Why?**

**i. God opposes the prideful**

- *for "God resists the proud, resist* - battles against, opposes, **proud** - those who think highly of themselves, despising others in contrast to humility, treating others with contempt, looking down on people
- God can either assist you or resist you
- If you do not humble yourself, He will humble you in time

**ii. God favors humble minded people**

- *But gives grace to the humble."* - **grace** - favor, blessing
- Proverbs 3:34 , James 4:6

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**3. Everyone: Humble Yourselves Under God And Trust in Him**

**A. Realize God is Mighty, Not You**

- *Therefore* -oun - therefore - so connected to something obviously, because of this just said
- Therefore, referring to the "why be humble", then elders need
- *humble yourselves* {imperative}- though God is in control of everything, we are still supposed to actively participate by being humble
- *under the mighty hand of God, mighty* - force, strength, dominion
- God is in control--understand that and be willing to humble yourself under God.

**God's Might**

- Luke 1:51, 1 Peter 4:11, Revelation 5:13

**B. Why? So God May Lift You Up**

- *that He may exalt you in due time, exalt* - lift up, to raise up
- God's timing is perfect. He knows the where, what, and why of our circumstances. His timing of deliverance will be on earth or in heaven, but the timing of that is God's.
- James 4:10, Matthew 23:12, Luke 14:11

**C. Throw Off Your Anxiety, Trust God**

- *casting all your care upon Him, casting* - single decisive throw upon, be do done with- care or anxiety
- It is not a "cast it all and it will be over with"; it is referring to the anxiety or worry/lack of trusting God with it and through it

**D. Why? Because God Cares for You and He is God**

- *for He cares for you.*
- There is a reason, not "just because", but because God cares for you.
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