

## Grace to the Humble

1 Peter 5:5-7

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to the Presbyters (v. 5a)
  
2. Clothe Yourselves with \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 5b)
  - a. Of \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Towards \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Because it matters!
    - i. God \_\_\_\_\_ the arrogant
    - ii. God gives \_\_\_\_\_ to the humble
  
3. Humble yourselves under \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 6-7)
  - a. Perception: God's hand is \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Prerequisite: \_\_\_\_\_ all your anxiety upon Him
  - c. Purpose: God will \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Promise: God \_\_\_\_\_ about you

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(Matthew 6:34)

"Toward the scorners he is scornful, but to the humble he gives favor. The wise will inherit honor, but fools get disgrace."

(Proverbs 3:34-35)

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1. How important is it to submit to Presbyters (elders)?
2. What does this submission look like?
3. Is this something that is generally a problem in our current culture or is it something that comes easily?
4. When does such submission begin?
5. How are YOU following this command?

#### **Read James 4:1-12**

1. When you humble yourself before God, how does it affect your attitude before other people?
2. Peter uses a rather unique term meaning "humility of mind" in verse five. What might this "of mind" add to our understanding of humility?
3. What, then, in James is the result of drawing near to God?
4. Can you give examples in the Old or New Testaments where God rewarded the humble and resisted the proud?
5. Can you give examples today of this phenomenon?
6. Is the reward the reason we humble ourselves?

#### **Read Matthew 5:25-34.**

1. How does Peter's suggestion about anxiety match the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 5?
2. Peter uses the verb Luke uses in Luke 19:35. What does it mean to "throw" our anxiety on God?
3. How can anxiety be lessened by the knowledge that God's hand is mighty?
4. When will God exalt the lowly? (Hint: Peter's emphasis throughout the letter beginning with 1:7)
5. How does looking to the end result help with anxiety?

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