

FINAL INSTRUCTION IN EXILE // 1 PETER 5:5-14

Learn how to have the proper swagger (v 5-7)

Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

- He starts by saying **likewise** or in this same manner. When this word is used, we see a transition of focus from one group to another i.e. submission to government, employer, marriage, Chief Shepherd.
- The point here is that just as the elders need to **submit** (fall in line) underneath the **Chief Shepherd (Jesus)**, so do the younger people specifically need to fall in line under their elders (πρεσβύτερος - presbuteros - term of age or rank; one who presides over the assembly).
- Peter specifically points this out before he tells everyone to have this attitude of falling in line: Yes, all of you be submissive to one another.
- We are also to be clothed with **humility**. This word clothed comes from the Greek concept of a servant wearing an apron.

Learn how to have the proper defense (v 8-9)

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

- Peter commands us to **be sober** (νήφω - nepho - controlled and disciplined in spirit) and to **be vigilant** (γρηγορέω - gregoreo - watchful, awake).
- **Adversary** is a word that implies an enemy who is seriously and aggressively hostile. **Devil** implies a malicious enemy who slanders or attacks.
- The imagery Peter uses is that of a **roaring lion** which has OT roots. It was always used to describe the viscous attacks of a predator on its prey. Lions don't wound, they devour.
- Peter says to **resist him** (take a stand against), **steadfast** (στερεός - stereos - balanced, immovable, solid, stable, strong).

Learn how to have the proper focus (v 10-14)

But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

- God's **grace** is not only available and promised for all of eternity, but it is guaranteed for now.
- Peter's always talking about being called called: 1:15 - **called to be holy**; 2:9 - **called out of darkness and into light**; 2:21 - **called to suffer**; 3:9 - **called to forgive; and now called to eternal glory**.
- But the eternal glory doesn't come without a price. The suffering is for a purpose:
1. **To Perfect** (bring to wholeness or completion); 2. **To Establish** (to fix, to make stable); 3. **To Strengthen** (making the soul strong); 4. **To Settle** (to lay a foundation)
- v 11 **To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.**
- Here is where we see where our focus should be. All of the esteem, praise, honor, and worship goes to God. He is our model, our God, our Savior, our help, our hope!