IPETER: HOLYAND HOPE-FILLED LIVING IN A HOSTILE WORLD

1 PETER 5:5-8

You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

RESPONSES TO ELDERS, I PETER 5:5

The Response To The Elders (v. 5):

- Submission
- Mutual humility and respect.
 - ✓ The Command...
 - ✓ The Explanation...

WARNINGS AGAINST A THREAT TO CHURCH UNITY AND EFFECTIVENESS...

PRIDE!!!

We need to live HOLY AND HOPE-FILLED LIVES in the midst of a hostile culture, with humility, not pride.

Definitions (the negative sense):

- Unreasonable and inordinate self esteem.
- a foolish and irrational sense of one's personal value, status, or accomplishments.

THE TERMS USED...

PRIDE: "Appearing above" another

HUMILITY: "To Think or Consider oneself 'below'"

SUBMISSION: "To place oneself 'below'"

"Humility" and "Submission" say NOTHING about the value or worth of the individual!

GOD'S WARNINGS AGAINST PRIDE...

- Proverbs 6:16-17
- Proverbs 8:13
- Proverbs 11:2
- Proverbs 15:25
- Proverbs 16:5, 18-19
- Proverbs 18:12
- Proverbs 21:4, 23-24
- Proverbs 29:23

"Pride" is...

- Characteristic of unbelievers, Rom. 1:30.
- Characteristic of those living in the "last days," II Timothy 3:2.
- Characteristic of the "world system," I John 2:15-16.
- Opposed by God, James 4:6; I Peter 5:5.
- Specifically related to Satan, I Timothy 3:6

PRIDE MANIFESTS ITSELF...

PRIDE TOWARD GOD PRIDE TOWARD OTHER PEOPLE

PRIDE TOWARD GOD...EXAMPLES:

- Satan's fall, Isaiah 14:13-14
- Eve's transgression, Genesis 3:5-6
- Tower of Babel, Genesis 11:1-9
- David's census, 1 Chronicles 21:1-17
- Uzziah's offering incense, 2 Chronicles 26:16.
- Hezekiah's pride, 2 Chronicles 32:25.
- Nebuchadnezzar's boasting, Daniel 4:29-30



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