

I PETER:
HOLY AND
HOPE-FILLED LIVING
IN A HOSTILE WORLD

I PETER 5:5-8

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!!!

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!

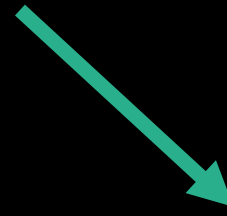
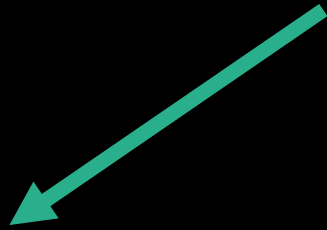
GOD'S WARNINGS AGAINST PRIDE...

- 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

PRIDE TOWARD GOD...EXAMPLES:

- Peter's declaration of his unfailing faithfulness to Jesus, Matthew 26:33.
- Herod's failure to give God the glory, Acts 12:21-23.

PRIDE TOWARD GOD...MANIFESTATIONS:

- Refusal to admit one's need of a Savior!
- Judging God and what He does, Romans 9:19-21.
- Judging God for what He allows to happen to us, Job 29:18; 30:26; 19:6; 40:6-8.
- Refusal to submit to God's will; Exodus 5:1-2; Matt. 15:1-9. (Refusing any of His commands!)
- Refusal to give God the glory and credit for what we accomplish with His help; Deut. 8:11-18; I Cor. 4:7; 15:9-10; II Cor. 3:4-6; Philippians 2:13.

PRIDE TOWARD OTHERS... MANIFESTATIONS:

- Refusal to be in submission or accountable to anyone else, 1 Peter 5:5-6.
- Arrogance toward others, Romans 12:3; 3 John 9-10
- Unteachable spirit, 3 John 9
- Judgmental attitude, Romans 14:10-12
- Refusal to consider others' needs, desires, and concerns, Philippians 2:1-4, 5ff.
- Insisting on my own way!!!

The Primary Defense against Pride: Humility!

A Working Definition of Humility:

Having a proper Biblical understanding of my place in God's creation, and accepting it, as it affects my relationships with God, other believers, and unbelievers.

INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING HUMILITY TOWARD GOD...

- Jeremiah 9:23-24
- I Corinthians 1:26-29, 30-31
- I Corinthians 3:6-7
- I Corinthians 4:7
- I Corinthians 15:8-10

COMMANDS REGARDING HUMILITY...

- Micah 6:8
- Ephesians 4:1-3
- Philippians 2:1-8
- Colossians 3:12-17
- James 4:6
- I Peter 5:5-6

HUMILITY TOWARD OTHERS...

- It is based on my humility before God: Romans 12:3.
- It involves not thinking of myself more highly than I ought to think, Rom. 12:3.
- It involves honoring one another, Romans 12:10.
- It involves associating with the lowly, Romans 12:16; James 2:1-5.

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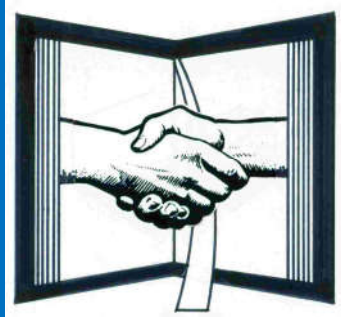
- It requires choosing to place their interests above my own, Philippians 2:3-4.
- It requires submitting to others, I Peter 5:4; Eph. 5:21.

BLESSINGS OF HUMILITY...

- It insures God's presence in your life, Isaiah 57:15; 66:1-2.
- It is a sign of true greatness, Matthew 18:4.
- It invites God's grace in your life, James 4:6; I Peter 5:5.
- It will result in exaltation in God's timing, James 5:10; I Peter 5:6.
- And, very practically, it just makes you much more pleasant to be around!

“Therefore humble yourselves
under the mighty hand of God,
that He may exalt you
at the proper time.”

1 Peter 5:6



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