

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

1 PETER CHAPTER 5:5-7

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

Take A Walk On The Wild Side

The Ministry of The Grace of God Toward All Those Who Are Anchored in Christ.

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1 Peter 5:5-7

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**.” **6** Therefore **humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God**, that **He** may exalt you in due time, **7** casting all your care upon **Him**, for **He** cares for you.

**So much of what the scriptures teach us
are absolutely contrary or inverted to our human way of thinking.**

Mark 8:35

For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

Matthew 23:11-12

But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. **12** And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

**I want to issue a challenge to all of us today –
But most importantly, the youth & the young of the church.**

**It's time to be radical for Jesus.
The world around us is confused, hurting, it's mean and dying.**

Taking A Walk On The Wild Side

1.) Begin with a willingness to follow vs. 5

:5a Likewise you **younger** people, **submit** yourselves to your **elders**.
Yes, all of you be **submissive to one another**, and **be clothed with humility**,

Submit / Submission / Humility

Thus Far Peter Has Been Faithful To Teach Us That;
Submission to our Masters / Submission to Our Government /
Submission to Husbands... **Yes, all of you be submissive to one another**

Biblical Humility Is A Transcendent Characteristic
(by transcendent we mean, that it is a character quality that is not of
this world. it is in fact a “communicated attribute”. one that is brought
down to us or bestowed upon us – it’s downloaded if you will!

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Begins With A Willingness To Follow**

1a.) Follow the divine pattern vs. 5a

:5a Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders.

An instant challenge to the younger

Younger neos, neoteris – the new self, young men women

Submit hupotasso; to place or rank yourself under, to become a subject of
another study.

Elders presbuteros; a cptv. of pre-sbuß (an old man); elder: —elder(3), elders(57), men
of old(1), old men(1), older(1), older man(1), older ones(1), older women(1).

Thus the call to the “Likewise” that comes from verses 1-4

There is Great Power in God’s Humility of Ethos

How does this work in life?

How does this work in church?

How does this work in relationships?

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1b.) Follow at being one vs. 5b

Yes, all of you be **submissive to one another,**

This Must Be A God-Gifted Thing
A call for a Mutual Submission - Mutual Elevation

Amos 3:3

How can two **walk** together, unless they are agreed?

Nehemiah 4:6

So we **built** the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had **a mind** to work.

Acts 4:32

Now the multitude of those who believed were of **one** heart and **one** soul;

Psalm 133:1

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to **dwelt together in unity!**

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1c.) Follow to maintain unity vs. 5b

and **be clothed with humility,**

Clothed grk: egkomboomai; to tie up the garment. To tie up with a knot.
to put on oneself (a garment)

To dress for the Occasion

Isaiah 61:3

To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;

Ephesians 4:2

That you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

**Developing and Nurturing
an atmosphere of mutual submission to Christ**

Ephesians 5:21

Submitting to **one another** in the fear of God.

what you choose to wear sends a message.

When we dress up for a gala event,
We dress for the purpose, the cause = we put on **refinement.**

When we dress down for a day at the beach,
We dress for the purpose, the cause = we put on **recreation**.

“But what am I going to wear?”
in all things first – we must decide to put on the Lord Jesus Christ.
This means that we respond like Jesus to the need.

Dear Christian, Listen Up

In every life situation, God will call you to **put on His Son** Jesus in that situation

Matthew 23:11-12

But he who is **GREATEST AMONG YOU** shall be your servant. **12** And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

The Bible does not ignore the fact that there may be some among them/us who were great. Great in **power**. Great in **influence**. Great and **talent, wealth**
But the greatest man or woman among us – was to be the servant of all.

Isn't this the pattern of God Himself?

Luke 22:25-27

And He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called ‘benefactors.’ **26** But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. **27** For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.

Philippians 2:3-7

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. **4** Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. **:5** Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, **6** who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, **7** but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

Do You Want To Take A Walk On The Wild Side?

Begin today to Intentionally Pattern Your Life After Jesus Christ

End of Study