



# S C R I P T

## The Benefits of Humbleness

1 Peter 5:5-7 (NKJV)

5 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.

Peter, who wrote this amazing letter is the same Simon Peter to whom Jesus said: Get behind Me, Satan!, the one who cut off the ear of a soldier and also who denied Jesus for three times. In all these episodes he was called Simon Peter, but when he had an encounter with God and was baptized in the Holy Spirit, he became only Peter, “Petros=A Fragment of Rock”. This letter has been written in the last days of his life, before he had been crucified upside down in Greece by the strongest persecution against Christians in the first Century. Peter had been transformed by the Power of God from a very rude and arrogant man into a very humble and meek man that walked with Jesus. Peter shows us throughout his life how painful the fruit of arrogance is and how glorious the fruit of humility is.

Let us consider some of his important thoughts in the scripture:

### 1. All of you clothe yourselves with humility toward one another (v.5a)

- Peter's expression: “*Clothe yourselves with humility...*” He referred to a “white scarf or apron” typically worn by servants in that time
- We're called to be servants, not celebrities!

Matthew 5:3 (NKJV)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

- # What is the meaning of been “poor in spirit”?  
The one who is always lowly in his own eyes, who does not exalt himself; is not proud.

### 2. God resists the proud, but gives Grace to the humble (v.5b)

- Self-centred people find themselves at odds with God, while those who are humble enjoy God's favour
- Grace is for those who qualify themselves unworthy

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NKJV)

1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

- # Perilous Times:  
Is when violence is in every headline and also carries the connotation of evil morality, harsh nations and dangerous people.



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### 3. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the Mighty Hand of God, (v.6)

- "The Mighty Hand of God..." is used in Scripture to symbolise two important things: a. God's hand of discipline - b. God's hand of deliverance
- We actually need both. Submit to His will today and you'll experience His deliverance

Psalm 37:23-24 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, and He delights in his way. <sup>24</sup> Though he falls, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the LORD upholds him with His hand.

### 4. Casting all your anxieties upon Him, because He cares for you (v.7)

- Worrying is like, if we don't look out for ourselves, nobody else will
- But focusing on the needs of others, we are confident that God will spare nothing when it comes to meeting our needs.

Philippians 4:6 (NKJV)

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;



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