

Practical Christian Life

1Peter 5:5-13

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Introduction

- In his final instructions, apostle Peter gives practical guidelines to the suffering Christians.
- He wants them to live a life of submission, humility, trust, self control and perseverance as we resist the devil.
- He warns them that Satan's goal is to destroy them but God will make them strong, firm and steadfast.

We should live a life of submission.

- Peter writes to the young men in verse 5 “Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older.”
- In chapter 2 and 3, He has given this commandment to all the believers in every relationship.

We should live a life of submission.

- Each one of us has a rank and position in the society and as good Christians, we should submit to one another out of love and respect to God.

We should live a life of humility.

- Apostle Peter has repeated this principle through out the book.
- In chapter 2:22 he gave us the example of Jesus Christ.
- Chapter 5:1-4 he advised the church elders to live a life of humility.

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- In verse 5-6, he encourages all of us to clothe with humility.
- I believe, he write on this subject again and again because humility is very important for successful Christian life.
- God honors the humble person.

We should cast all our anxiety on God.

- We should trust God and cast all our cares on Him because He cares for us.
- Excessive worry is sign of lack of faith.
- Jesus said, we can not change anything by worrying. Mt 6:25-34

We should be self-controlled and alert.

- In chapter 4:7 he writes “ The end of all things is near, therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.”
- In chapter 5:8, he says “ Be self-controlled and alert.”
- In both verses, he wants us to be alert and self-controlled because,

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- We have an enemy who wants to destroy us.
- I believe Apostle has learned this from his own personal experiences. Mt 26:36-46 and Lk 22:31
- We need to be alert and sober all the times.

We should resist the devil.

- Apostle Peter warns us that Satan is like a roaring lion and his intentions are to destroy our faith.
- We should resist him with faith and stand firm to defeat him.
- We should wear the Armor of God.
Ephesians 6:10-18

We should persevere with the grace of God.

- In times of suffering, it is important for us to persevere to finish the race.
- His grace is sufficient for all our needs.,.10

CONCLUSION

- We should live a life of :
- Submission
- Humility
- Self-control
- Trust on God
- Resist the Devil and Perseverance