

The Expressions of HUMILITY in the Church

Necessary qualities for the church to thrive during distressing trials and persecution. 1 Peter 5:5 Chris Mueller

Introduction:

SALVATION

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ... **6** In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,

SUFFERING

“Suffering is not an ordeal to escape, but an opportunity to exploit”

1 Peter 2:12 Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation. **1 Peter 3:8** To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; **9** not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; ...

SERVING

LOOK at 1 Peter 4:7-11

1 Peter 5:1 Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, **2** shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; **3** nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock. **4** And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. **5** **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

1 Peter 5:12 I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!

“The Humble believer thinks more of Christ than they think of themselves”

Numbers 12:3 Now the man Moses was very **humble**, more than any man who was on the face of the earth.

Matthew 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and **humble in heart**, and you will find rest for your souls.

1st _____ 1-4
"Elders are not sheriffs, they are shepherds"

2nd _____ 5 You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders

Jay Adams *it is often hard for them to do so. The hot blood of youth may run so strongly, that younger members of the congregation find it hard to move as slowly and deliberately as their elders. They want changes now*

1 Corinthians 16:15–16 Now I urge you, brethren (you know the household of Stephanas, that they were the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves for ministry to the saints), 16 that you also be in subjection to such men and to everyone who helps in the work and labors.

How can ELDERS make submission EASIER for YOUNG MEN?

- 1 When Elders love people like a _____ 5:1-4
- 2 When elders cultivate a church where everyone serves through their _____ 4:10-11
- 3 When elders _____ fervently 4:8
- 4 When Elders _____ those younger men Matthew 28:19-20
- 5 When Elders _____ the next generation
2 Timothy 2:2 The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

3rd _____ 5b and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble

Proverbs 8:13 *The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way. And the perverted mouth, I hate.*

John Calvin *God cannot bear with seeing His glory appropriated by the creature, in even the smallest degree*

Jonathan Edwards *the most difficult sin to root out of your life. Pride will undermine you, destroy you, ruin you, lead to more sin, push you into compromise and keep you enslaved to lusts...*