

a humble life

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**¹ Therefore, as a fellow elder and witness to the sufferings of the Messiah, and also a participant in the glory about to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you:
² shepherd God's flock among you, not overseeing out of compulsion but freely, according to God's [will]; not for the money but eagerly;**

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³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

⁴ And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. ⁵ Likewise, you younger men, be subject to the elders.

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And all of you clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. ⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you in due time, ⁷ casting all your care upon Him, because He cares about you.

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1. Leaders Lead with Humility

*...I exhort the elders among you:
2 shepherd God's flock among you, not
overseeing out of compulsion...*

- **Church leaders are to lead and exercise their authority by being an example.**
- **Authority, trust, and respect are not given until it is earned, the first step is humility.**

2. Christians Show Humility to One Another

...And all of you clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

The word *all* means “**all;**” every one of us, all ages, sexes, and classes.

No person is exempt.

Christianity is not about pride, but about servitude; to God and one another.

3. Humble Yourself unto God

⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God,

To the humble, God's mighty hand means...

strength and power

sovereignty and control

salvation and security

care and protection

assurance and confidence

To the proud, God's mighty hand means...

strength and power

sovereignty and control

warning and fear

anger and wrath

judgment and condemnation

⁷ casting all your care upon Him,

Here the verb “casting” (*epiripsantes*) is in the aorist (tense) and means “to throw upon,” indicating a decisive/ongoing act on our part.

Humility and relying on God is a decision we make everyday.

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Why Humility?

...because God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

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