



A Christian's Proper
Clothing
1 Peter 5:5-11
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Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." - **1 Peter 5:5**

I. CLOTHED FOR ACTION

- When pride is tamped down, God's glory in our lives is ramped up (vs. 5; Prov. 3:34, 11:2, 15:33, 22:4; Matt. 23:11).
- Christian virtue is not to be "taken up," but to be "put on." It must surround and protect us (Col. 3:12-14).
- Humility leads us to seek help where it can be found. Help we all need (vs. 7; Ps. 55:22; Matt. 11:28-30).
- Humility mixed with action prepares us in extraordinary ways. Not even Satan can overcome one so clothed (vs. 8-10).
- Christian, you've been called to eternal glory. God, who is full of grace, will uphold you (vs. 10; Psalm 27).

II. THE KEY TO CHRISTIAN JOY

- A lack of humility eventually (and always) leads to disaster (Ex. 10:3; Ps. 147:6; Prov. 18:12; Is. 23:9).
- True humility leads to honor (Num. 12:3).
- The practice of humility leads naturally to the practice of graciousness and forgiveness - which leads naturally to peaceful marriages, families, and churches.
- Is your life in disarray? Is your marriage in trouble? Are your relationships strained? Inject humility and watch things change (James 3:13).
- 1 Peter 5:5-11 are life verses. Practice them, and your walk in Christ and every aspect of your life will be grounded and solid.

KNOW: Humility is the key to the Christian life. People who are properly humble have better lives, better marriages, better families, and a better future.

DO: Humble yourself under God's mighty hand.

Suggested Reading:

From Pride to Humility: A Biblical Perspective by Stuart Scott (LifePoint Library #248.4 SCO)

Convinced of God's Love: Growing in Humility and Worship by Tony Guinn (LifePoint Library # 231.6).

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read 1 Peter 5:5-11

1. What is the overall lesson to learn from this passage?
2. Why does God oppose the proud? What's so bad about pride?
3. How do we humble ourselves?
4. Why do you think Peter, while addressing pride, brings Satan into the picture?
5. If we are humble, are we guaranteed a care-free life free from suffering? What does Peter say about that in verse 10?
6. How does humility bring peace to marriages, families, churches?
7. What steps will you take this week to humble yourself?