

How Will the Church Survive the Next Attack?

The necessary expressions of humility needed to survive persecution 1 Peter 5:5 Chris Mueller 8-15-2021

Introduction:

SALVATION

1 Peter 1:3,6 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...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 3:8-9 To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead.

SERVING

LOOK at 1 Peter 4:7-11

1 Peter 5:1-5 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, 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; nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. **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!

Humility is living dependently upon the Holy Spirit, with a determination to die to self and glorify God in all you say and do, in order to serve others just like Christ did.

Philippians 2:6-8 HUMBLED HIMSELF by becoming obedient to the point of death, even the death on a cross.

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 ELDERS - S_____ 1-4
Elders are shepherds, not sheriffs.

2nd YOUNGER MEN - S_____ 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 16:16 You also be in subjection to such men and to everyone who helps in the work and labors.

How can leaders make submission easier for young men?

- 1 - When leaders love people like a _____ **5:1-4**
- 2 - When leaders cultivate a church where everyone serves through their _____ **4:10-11**
- 3 - When leaders _____ fervently **4:8**
- 4 - When leaders live out marriages that function by God's DESIGN **3:1-7**
- 5 - When leaders follow the TRUTH of God's Word alone. **1:23, 2:2**

3rd EVERY MEMBER – S_____ 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...



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