

Bible Study 10 – Leadership and humility in the church – 1 Peter 5:1-7

The average churchgoer takes a few hours out of the week to experience the sacred. But the rest of the time, they are immersed in a society that no longer acknowledges the omniscient and omnipotent God who is to be loved and worshiped. Today we are too sophisticated for God. We can stand on our own; we are prepared and ready to choose and define our own existence. In this atmosphere humility cannot survive. It disappears with God. When God is neglected, the runner up god takes His place, namely, humanity. And that by definition is the opposite of humility, namely, pride.

The context	The central theme of the book is to stand firm in the faith during suffering and persecution. Every chapter refers to suffering. It deals with the believer's privileges & duties (1:1-2:10), relationships (2:11-4:6), and service & suffering (4:7-5:14). It begins by reminding them of their secure future and the need for holiness and love for one another. Then because they are holy, believers are to show godly behaviour towards authorities, towards their spouse, and towards all believers. Their behavior differs from that of the sinful world. They love & serve one another. And they should expect to suffer because of their faith.
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PART 1 Read & summarise each section – 1 Peter 5:1-7

Elders as shepherds (v.1-3)	
Elders rewarded (v.4)	
Be humble (v.5-6)	
Don't worry (v.7)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What it says about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit.

2. What it says about people like us.



3. Summarise a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what are the most important biblical principles being taught?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. How can we be humble towards one another (v.5)?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

We shouldn't worry if we realise that God cares for us.



Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a **COMMANDMENT** or **MODEL** for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

