

ESSENTIAL CHRISTIAN ATTITUDES, PART 1
(1 Peter 5:5-7)

- I. SUBMISSION (1 Peter 5:5a)
 - A. Means to WILLINGLY be SUBORDINATE to another
 - B. Addresses the command to “you YOUNGER MEN”
 - C. Instructs them to submit to “*your* ELDERS”
 - 1. Consciously avoid assuming their IDEAS are SUPERIOR
 - 2. Purposefully respect the WISDOM of MATURITY

- II. HUMILITY (1 Peter 5:5b-6)
 - A. Addressed to “ALL of you”
 - B. Means “LOWLINESS of mind” or “self-ABASEMENT”
 - 1. Secular culture did not consider it a VIRTUE
 - 2. It was considered characteristic of WEAKNESS and COWARDICE
 - C. Commanded to “CLOTHE YOURSELVES” with humility toward ONE ANOTHER
 - 1. God is OPPOSED to the PROUD

2. God gives GRACE to the HUMBLE

D. Commanded to "HUMBLE yourselves" before GOD

1. Because we are "UNDER" His "MIGHTY HAND"

2. In order to be EXALTED at the APPROPRIATE TIME

III. TRUST (1 Peter 5:7)

A. Expected to cast ALL your ANXIETY on Him

1. Includes MEMORIES of the PAST

2. Includes PRESSURES of the PRESENT

3. Includes FEARS concerning the FUTURE

B. Assured that He CARES for YOU