

# I Peter 5:5-7 Humility and Submission



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- Pride and dominance are what people like
- Have pride in yourself, your school, your company
- Don't submit, overcome, dominate the competition



# I. Submit to Your Elders Vs. 5



- Be submissive to those who are older
- We don't like that word submissive because we have to come under someone else



- It is to humble yourself and listen to those who are older
- I remember being a young leader in the church I grew up in.
- I was a youth pastor and I had ideas
- Things that I wanted to do and right now



- God has them in places of authority for a reason
- They have lived longer and therefore have more wisdom
- So those who are younger, submit, listen and learn



## II. Your Attitude is Humility Vs. 5



- *Clothe yourselves*-only time used in the New Testament
- It means the white apron that is worn by a slave
- He served at the table



- We as believers are to put on humility
- We are to humble ourselves before God and man
  - Even Jesus put on humility



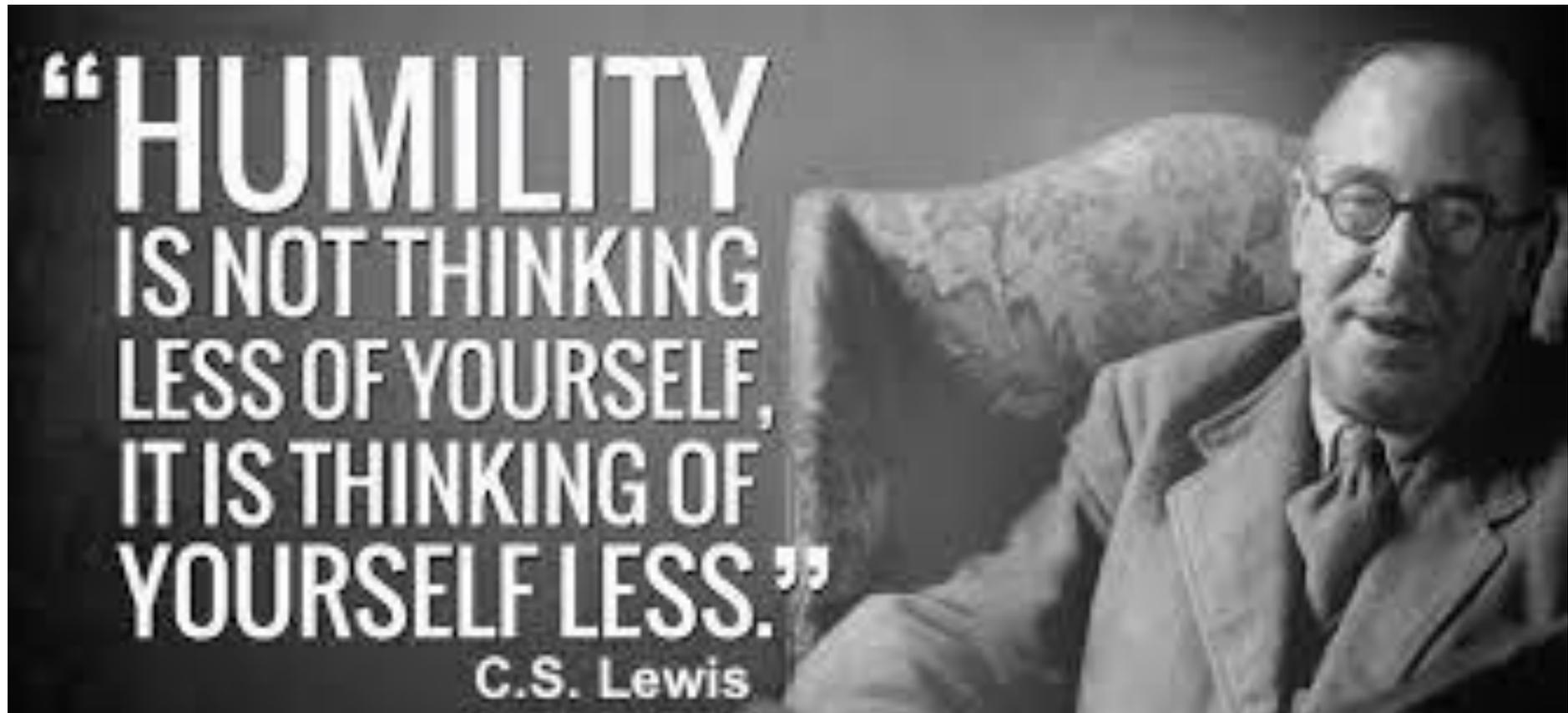
- Service is part of the Christian life
- Put on humility, choose to be humble
- These are qualities of the Christian life



- Satan thought that he could be above God
  - That is what pride means in the Bible
- To put yourself over someone in an obvious way



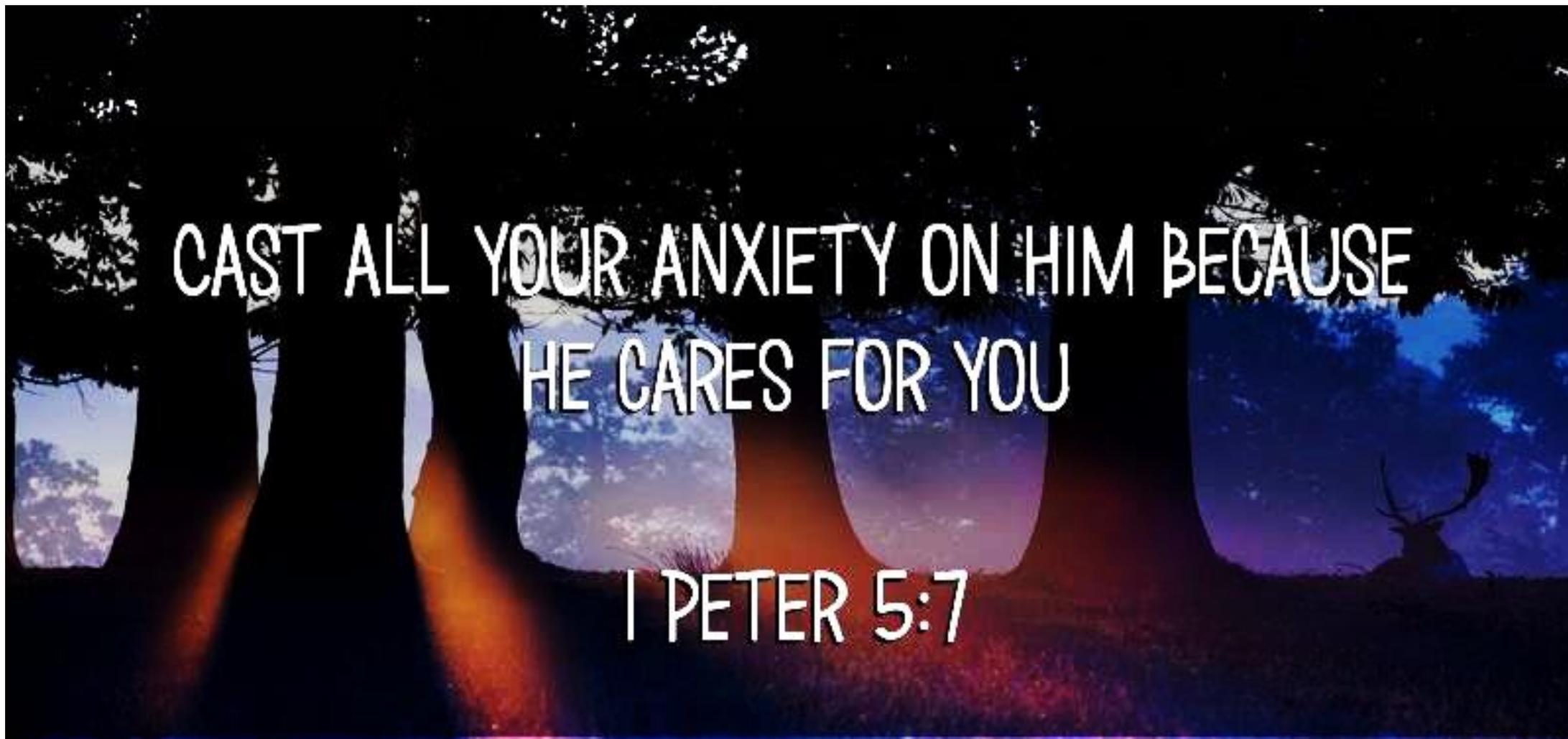
- Humility means to lower yourself under others
  - God is with you if you are humble
  - It says here that God will give you grace



- God is against you when you are proud
- That pride makes people fall
- Pride makes a person think they will always win
- They think they are invincible



### **III. Cast your Anxiety upon the Lord Vs. 7**



CAST ALL YOUR ANXIETY ON HIM BECAUSE  
HE CARES FOR YOU

1 PETER 5:7

- But with this word “cast upon” you are not getting rid of your anxiety
- You are throwing it on the Lord, you are giving it to the Lord
- Here is this dirty rag of anxiety and I am throwing it on the Lord



- This anxiety that you worry about
- It keeps you up at night, you think about it all the time
- It is eating away at your joy
- That is what God wants to take care of



- My Mom had an organ that she had to have
- It was in the living room of my parent's home for at least 30 years
- It was big and it was only used to hold family pictures



- That's what the Lord wants you to do with your anxieties
- You give them to the Lord and he takes them away
- And you don't see them anymore



- You give it to him in prayer and you leave it there with Him
- What is that anxiety that you need to cast on the Lord?



Humble yourselves therefore under the  
mighty hand of God, so that he may  
exalt you in due time

Humíllense, pues, bajo la poderosa mano de  
Dios, para que él los exalte a su debido tiempo

Basi nyenyekeeni chini ya mkono wa Mungu  
ulio hodari, ili awakweze kwa wakati wake  
所以，你们当在神大能的手下降卑，好让他在所  
定的时候高举你们

## I Peter 5:5-7 Humility and Submission

Humility and submission are not popular in our world today  
Pride and dominance are what people like  
Have pride in yourself, your school, your company  
Don't submit, overcome, dominate the competition  
These are not Christian qualities  
We are to humble ourselves before God and man  
We are to submit to those in authority and those who are older  
Why would God want us to have these qualities?

### **I. Submit to Your Elders Vs. 5**

Last week, we talked about the qualities of a good church leader  
Peter then talks to the younger men  
Those in the church who could be future leaders  
Be submissive to those who are older  
We don't like that word submissive because we have to come  
under someone else  
But when that leader is a good leader and has your best interests  
in mind, you will gladly follow them  
It is to humble yourself and listen to those who are older  
I remember being a young leader in the church I grew up in  
I was a youth pastor and I had ideas  
Things that I wanted to do and right now  
But the older people, the leaders in the church didn't agree with me  
They said, no, you can't do it  
They did modify my ideas, changed my ideas  
I can remember thinking that I didn't like that  
But I submitted to their changes and it went OK  
There is wisdom in listening to those who are older than you are  
God has them in places of authority for a reason  
They have lived longer and therefore have more wisdom  
So those who are younger, submit, listen and learn  
And there will come a day when you are in authority  
When you have learned from those who are older  
After you have lived a few years longer

## II. Your Attitude is Humility Vs. 5

There is another quality that is related to submission  
I would say that you need both of these  
You can't be humble unless you are submissive  
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*Clothe yourselves*-only time used in the New Testament  
It means the white apron that is worn by a slave  
He served at the table. It was a visible sign that he was a slave  
A visible sign that he was submitting to whoever he was serving  
We as believers are to put on humility  
We are to humble ourselves before God and man  
Even Jesus put on humility  
There was a time when Jesus was with his disciples at the last supper  
Before the meal, it was the custom that whoever was the lowest  
in social stature would wash the feet of the others at the table  
None of the Disciples wanted to do this, so Jesus took the white towel  
Wrapped it around his waist and washed the disciples feet  
He put on humility, HE didn't have to do it  
But he chose to put himself under his disciples to teach them  
Serve one another, humble yourselves  
Humility is voluntarily putting yourself under someone  
It is voluntarily serving someone  
Service is part of the Christian life  
Put on humility, choose to be humble  
These are qualities of the Christian life  
If you are a believer in Christ, follow Christ's example and serve  
It comes in your talk, how you look at others, look down on others  
Do you want to make yourself look good,  
or are you willing to let others look good?  
Are you the first to serve others, or do you wait for others to serve?  
There is a big negative to not being humble  
You don't want God against you  
This is a quote from the Old Testament book of Proverbs  
God does not like pride  
It is the 1st sin committed by Satan

Satan looked at himself and thought he was pretty good  
He thought he was beautiful and powerful  
Satan thought that he could be above God  
That is what pride means in the Bible  
To put yourself over someone in an obvious way  
Satan wanted to be over God, he wanted to be number one  
And his pride was his downfall because God threw Satan  
out of heaven  
Satan has been tempting man to be proud ever since  
Humility is the opposite of pride  
Humility means to lower yourself under others  
God is with you if you are humble  
It says here that God will give you grace  
That is, a Gift to you of God's choosing  
And God will lift you up  
You don't have to worry about making yourself look good in  
front of others. God will do a much better job than you can do  
Serve others, clothe yourself with humility  
Put yourself under others and instead of you being proud  
Trying to lift yourself over others  
God will notice and will lift you up in due time  
God is against you when you are proud  
That pride makes people fall  
Pride makes a person think they will always win  
They think they are invincible  
And no one is perfect, everyone makes mistakes  
The proud person thinks they can do no wrong  
But they do wrong and they fall in a big way  
God is against the proud person  
Therefore, be humble so you don't fall into proud mistakes

### **III. Cast your Anxiety upon the Lord Vs. 7**

The word that Peter uses to describe cast or throw is interesting  
He could have used a word which means throw down  
If you had a really dirty rag you would throw it away

Get rid of it because it was bad and worthless  
But with this word "cast upon" you are not getting rid of your anxiety  
You are throwing it on the Lord, you are giving it to the Lord  
Here is this dirty rag of anxiety and I am throwing it on the Lord  
If someone did that to me, I would say, I don't want it!  
But God wants it  
God wants to deal with your anxiety  
Because God cares for you, another way to say it is that God loves you  
This anxiety that you worry about  
It keeps you up at night, you think about it all the time  
It is eating away at your joy  
That is what God wants to take care of  
My Mom had an organ that she had to have  
It was in the living room of my parent's home for at least 30 years  
It was big and it was only used to hold family pictures  
It was in the way and I can't remember the last time it was played  
My Mom died and my Dad had it there in the living room for 12 more  
years, never played always in the way  
2 years ago, when I was visiting my Dad, he wanted to get  
rid of it. You can't sell it, no one wants then  
You can't give them away  
So I offered to take it away  
We took it in the backyard and broke it apart  
Piece by piece, metal wood and plastic  
And it was out of my Dad's living room and in my truck  
That's what the Lord wants you to do with your anxieties  
You give them to the Lord and he takes them away  
And you don't see them anymore  
Now, don't run after the Lord and ask for your anxieties  
Lord, I really want that back  
I want to worry about it some more  
You can have it back  
But the idea here is to get rid of it for good  
You give it to him in prayer and you leave it there with Him  
What is that anxiety that you need to cast on the Lord?