November 1, 2015 I Peter 5:5-7

CAST YOUR CARES ON GOD

I. Introduction:

Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, **clothe yourselves with humility** toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." [6] Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. [7] **Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.**" I Peter 5:5-7

II. Peter's Charge To Clothe Ourselves With Humility

A. Towards One Another

"All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." I Peter 5:5

B. Towards God

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under <u>God's mighty</u> <u>hand</u>, that he may lift you up in due time." I Peter 5:6

III. How To Remain Humble Under God's Mighty Hand

- A. Cast Your Cares Upon God
- Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." I Peter 5:7

POINTS TO PONDER I PETER 5:5-7 CAST YOUR CARES WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, 2015

<u>Open It</u>

- 1. What does the average person believe about the devil?
- 2. *What people might consider you a leader or example?
- 3. What motivates people to be leaders in the church?

Explore It

- 4. To whom did Peter appeal? (<u>5:1</u>)
- 5. *What did Peter instruct elders to do? (5:2)
- What instructions did Peter give concerning greed? (5:2)
- 7. *How did Peter tell elders not to lead? (5:3)
- 8. *How did Peter tell elders to lead? (5:3)
- 9. What reward were elders going to receive when the Chief Shepherd appeared? (<u>5:4</u>)
- 10. What were the young men encouraged to do? (5:5)
- 11. Why were all the readers encouraged to clothe themselves with humility? (<u>5:5</u>)
- 12. Why were these believers encouraged to humble themselves? (5:6)

13. What did Peter tell his readers to do with their anxieties? (5:7)

- 14. What did Peter say the devil was doing? (5:8)
- 15. How were these believers instructed to respond to the devil? (5:9)
- 16. To what did Peter say these believers had been called? (5:10)
- 17. What did Peter assure his readers God would do after they had suffered a little while? (5:10)
- 18. What did Silas help Peter do? (5:12)
- 19. Who sent greetings along with Peter? (5:13)
- 20. How did Peter tell these believers to greet one another? (5:14)

<u>Get It</u>

- 21. What leadership style do the pastors and elders in your church have?
- 22. What attitude do the young people in your church have toward the leaders of the church?
- 23. What leadership positions have you held?
- 24.*How can you be an example to the people in your family?
- 25.*What changes do you need to make in the way you lead?

- 26. How do you need to change your attitude toward those who are in positions of authority over you?
- 27. Why do we sometimes find it difficult to be submissive to those in authority over us?
- 28. Why might we be tempted to "lord it over" the people we are leading?
- 29. Why is being humble so difficult?
- 30. What worries tend to plague you?
- 31. What does it mean to cast your anxieties on the Lord?
- 32. How can we cast our anxieties on the Lord?
- 33. What means does the devil use to "devour" people in our society?
- 34. How should we resist the devil?
- 35. When have you suffered as a believer?

Apply It

- 36.*In what concrete way this week can you be a better example to the people who look to you for leadership?
- 37. What worries will you cast upon God today?
- 38. In what area will you ask God to help you to be more humble this week?