

# **1 Peter Chapter 5**

## **Serving God**

## **Share the Sufferings of Christ (1 Peter 4)**

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## **Serve God Willingly To the Elders**

Therefore, I urge elders among you, as your fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and one who is also a fellow partaker 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 with greed but with eagerness; nor yet as domineering over those assigned to your care, but by proving to be examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

(1 Pe 5:1-4 NASB)

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Right Way...	Wrong Way...
Voluntarily according to the will of God	Under compulsion, grudgingly
Eagerly, willingly	For personal gain
By example	domineering

# Servant Leadership

“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mat 20:25-28 (NASB 2020)

## Serve God Willingly

You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT HE GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

(1 Pe 5:5 NASB)

“Toward the scorers he is scornful, but to the humble he gives favor.”

(Prov 3:34 ESV)

# Jesus Our Example

“who...did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but emptied Himself by taking the form of a bond-servant and being born in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death: death on a cross.”

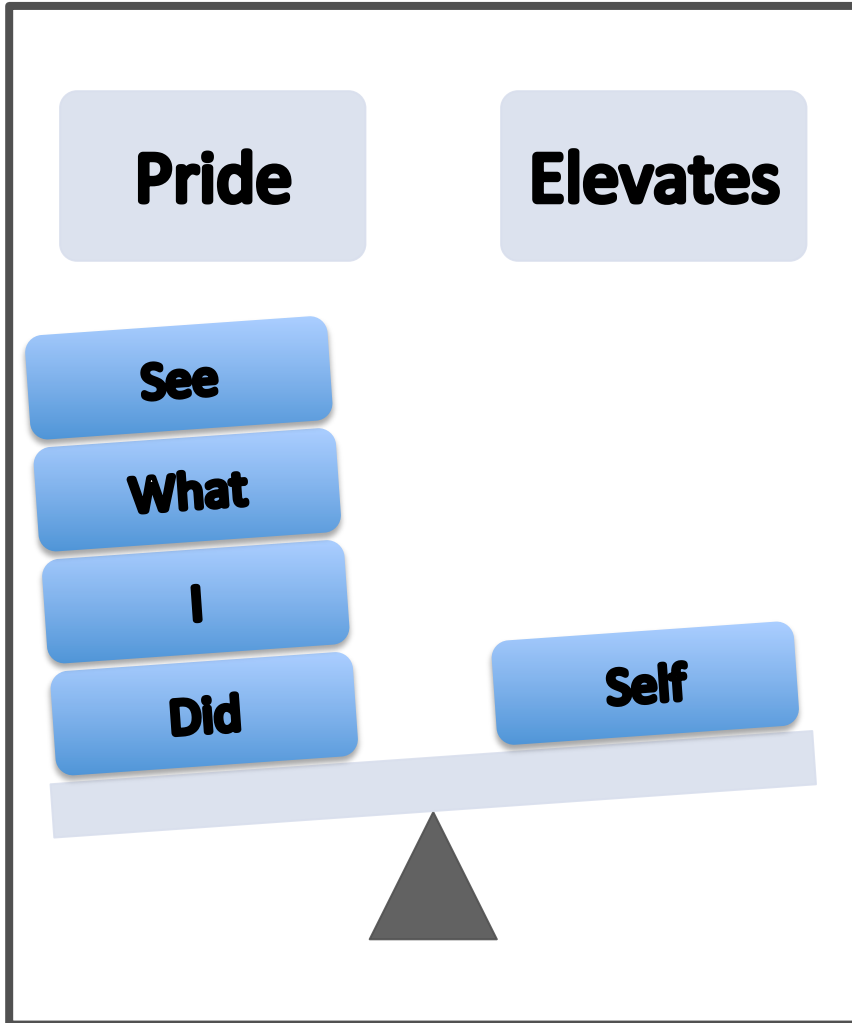
Phil 2:6-8 (NASB 2020)

“got up from supper and \*laid His outer garments aside; and He took a towel and tied it around Himself. Then He \*poured water into the basin, and began washing the disciples’ feet and wiping them with the towel which He had tied around Himself.”

Jn 13:4,5 (NASB 2020)



# Pride and Humility



## **For all...**

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time, having cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares about you. Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. So resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brothers and sisters who are in the world. After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Pe 5:6-11 (NASB 2020)

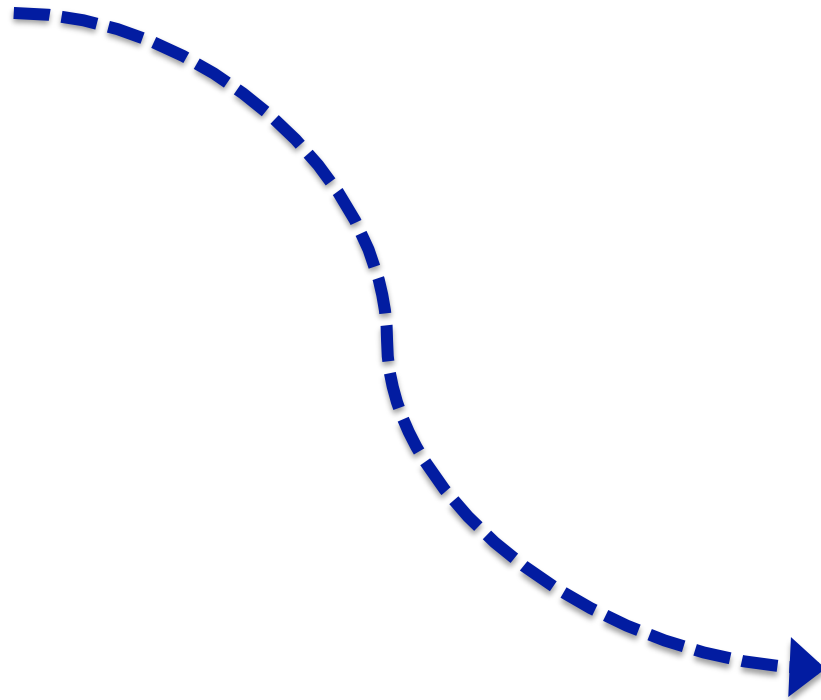
## **Be of Sober Spirit**

1:13, “Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, set your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

4:7 “The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.”

# Reaching the Prize

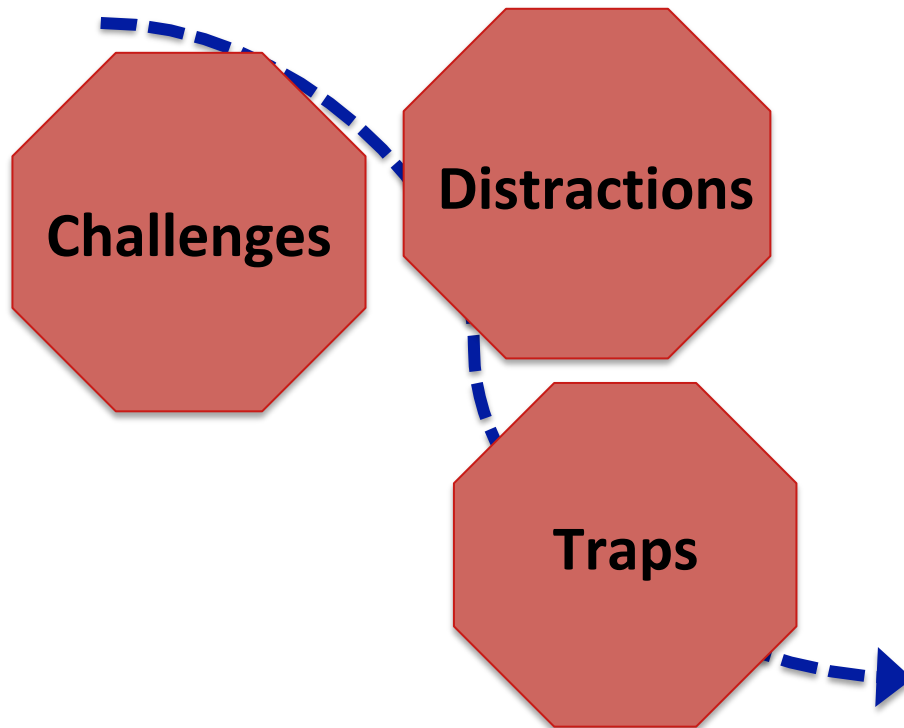
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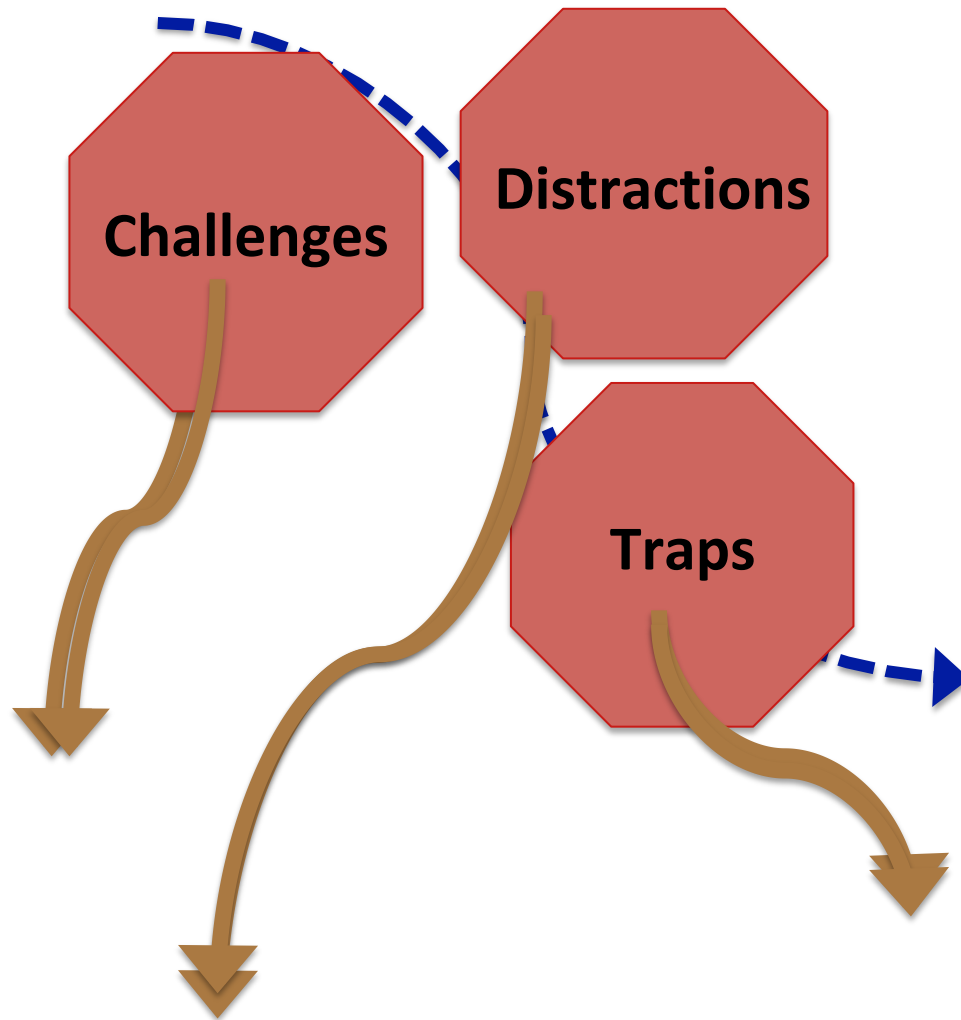
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# The Armour of God

Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist on the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Eph 6:11-13 (NASB 2020)

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1 Pe 4:12-13 (NASB 2020).



## Final Greetings

Through Silvanus, our faithful brother (for so I regard him), I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it! She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and so does my son, Mark.

Greet one another with a kiss of love.

Peace be to you all who are in Christ.

1 Pe 5:12-14 (NASB 2020).

# Putting it all Together

Elders – shepherd Younger people – be submissive

**All leaders in different settings**

God is opposed to the proud but gives grace to the humble (acknowledge God's sovereignty)

**We'll be exalted (lifted up) in His perfect timing**

**Cast your burdens on the Lord**

**Be of sober spirit, on the alert**

**We will suffer; God will perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish us**

**Stand firm... Give Him the praise, glory, and honour**