

## **"Humility for All"**

**The Main Message of 1 Peter:** Our great, transforming salvation and hope causes us to persevere in our faith and do good even when we suffer.

### **The Main Application of 1 Peter: Humility**

#### **Humility for Elders (1-4)**

Q. What are elders?

Leaders in a local church

Three out of 4 biblical terms for the leaders of the church are here in 1 Peter 5

- Elders
- Overseers
- Shepherds/Pastors

Q. What is a humble elder?

A humble elder is eager and willing to lead (2, 3)

A humble elder protects (2)

Cite: Hebrews 13:17

#### **Humility for All (5-11)**

Q. What is a humble church?

A humble congregation gladly accepts that their elders are responsible for their spiritual care

Ways to show humility:

- Recognize the advantage of having elders (Hebrews 13:17)
- Ask questions
- Assume we're happy to be approached and contacted
- Fight with us for your joy and holiness (8-9)

A humble church is mindful of spiritual matters

We have:

- a spiritual enemy (8)
- spiritual vulnerabilities (7)
- a spiritual body (9)
- a spiritual Father (7)

- a spiritual older brother (10)

A humble church is mindful of God's sovereignty (10, 11)

### **Concluding Application**

#### **Peter's Parting Words - A Model of Encouragement to Follow (12-14)**

1. Praise one another (12, 13)
2. Show love (14)
3. Identity reminders (13, 14)
4. Be encouraged by the faithfulness of the Good Shepherd