



## The Apostle's Challenge to Sufferers and Saints: Be Humble.

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### A Challenge for the Tested:

**Humble yourselves to the reality of suffering.** (4:12-17)

#### Expect fiery trials. (12)

Expect that greater joy will come after trials. (13)

We can rejoice even in trials because trials are tools and textbooks in the school of Christian maturity.

Expect to be blessed and anointed through trials. (14-16)

Expect trials of judgment to begin with us, not "them." (17)

### A Challenge for Pastors:

**Humble yourselves to serve the flock.** (5:1-4)

Be genuine, transparent, and approachable. (1)

Willingly accept the responsibilities of an under-shepherd to God's flock. (2)

Lead by example. (3)

Know that your faithfulness is rewarded (4)

### A Challenge for the Whole Church:

**Humble yourselves that God may lift you up.** (5-7)

Likewise, be part of God's solution for our broken world. (5)

Submit yourself to God's appointed leaders. (5)

Submit yourself to one another. (5)

Clothe yourself in humility. (5-6)

Cast all your anxieties upon God. (7)

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1 Peter 4:12-17



Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

*1 Peter 4:12*

But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

*1 Peter 4:13-14*

But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

*1 Peter 4:15-16*

For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

*1 Peter 4:17*

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1 Peter 5:1-4



So I exhort the elders among you,  
as a fellow elder and a witness of  
the sufferings of Christ, as well as a  
partaker in the glory that is going  
to be revealed:

*1 Peter 5:1*

shepherd the flock of God that is  
among you, exercising oversight,  
not under compulsion, but  
willingly, as God would have you;  
not for shameful gain, but eagerly;

*1 Peter 5:2*

not domineering over those in  
your charge, but being examples  
to the flock. And when the chief  
Shepherd appears, you will receive  
the unfading crown of glory.

*1 Peter 5:3-4*

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(v 2)



Lead by example.

(v 3)





Know that your faithfulness is  
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(v 4)





## A Challenge for the Whole Church:

Humble yourselves that  
God may lift you up.

1 Peter 5:5-7



Likewise, you who are younger, be  
subject to the elders.

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with  
humility toward one another, for  
“God opposes the proud but gives  
grace to the humble.”

*1 Peter 5:5*

Humble yourselves, therefore,  
under the mighty hand of God so  
that at the proper time he may  
exalt you, casting all your anxieties  
on him, because he cares for you.

*1 Peter 5:6-7*

Likewise, be part of God's  
solution for our broken world.

(v 5)



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Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

*Romans 12:9-10*

Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

*Romans 12:11-13*

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

*Romans 12:14-15*

Live in harmony with one another.  
Do not be haughty, but associate  
with the lowly. Never be conceited.

*Romans 12:16*

**Clothe yourself in humility.**  
(v 5-6)



**Cast all your anxieties upon God.**  
(v 7)

