

THE HUMBLE BEHAVIOR OF THE BELIEVER

Introduction: This chapter falls naturally into four parts: (1) charge to the elders; (2) conduct of the believers - 5:5-9; (3) care of God - 5:10-11; (4) conclusion of the letter - 5:12-14.

Lesson Aim: Maintain a humble spirit in times of persecution by the grace of God.

Memory Verse: "May the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you" (1 Pet 5:10 NKJV).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:**I. Charge to the Elders — 5:1-4**

1. What three things did Peter say about himself? 5:1
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
2. Fill in the blanks to complete Peter's charge to the elders (pastors). 5:2-3
_____ the flock of God which is among you, taking the _____ thereof, not by _____, but _____; not for filthy _____, but of a _____ mind, neither as being _____ over God's _____, but being _____ to the flock.

3. How will a faithful elder be rewarded? 5:4

II. Conduct of the Believers — 5:5-9

4. How should the younger people in God's flock treat the elder? 5:5
5. How should all believers treat each other? 5:5
6. How should believers be clothed? 5:5
7. How does God treat two kinds of people in His flock? 5:5
8. What will God do to those that humble themselves? 5:6
9. What should a believer do with his cares and anxieties? 5:7
10. Why does a believer need to have a clear mind and be alert? 5:8
11. How should a believer treat the devil? 5:9
12. How did Peter encourage a believer that was being severely persecuted? 5:9

III. Care of God — 5:10-11

13. When believers are persecuted, what does God have that will help them? 5:10
14. Persecution is temporary, but what has God done for believers by Christ Jesus? 5:10
15. What does "glory" mean to you?
16. What four things is God able to do in believers when they are persecuted? 5:10
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
17. Name two things that belong to God forever and ever. 5:11

IV. Conclusion of the Letter — 5:12-14

18. What word does Peter use in his greeting and in his benediction to these persecuted believers? 1:2; 5:14; see Jn 14:27 for further help. _____