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# I Peter 5: 5-9

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## A Set of 5 Relationships:

- I. To the Elders*
- II. To Others*
- III. To God*
- IV. To Pressures*
- V. Satan*

I & II Peter 9 AM Study – Holly Hills Bible Church:

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**Today Will Look at the 5 Relationships We Have towards:  
*Elders, One Another, God, Cares & Anxieties & Satan***

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## Relationship I: To Elders

1. **‘Likewise’** ties our subject today to Verses 1-4: the Elders of a flock, who are engaged in ***poimainō-(ing)*** (shepherding) and ***episkopeō-(ing)*** (overseeing), and that is guiding, leading, protecting, pasturing, feeding with rightly-divided sound doctrine by teaching. (II Timothy).
  - a) These elder-undershepherding-teachers where were delegated authority by the Chief Shepherd (“Peter, feed my sheep”) for the flock. They were accountable to the Chief Shepherd Himself for the flock’s condition.
2. Therefore, you non-elders (meant not as young men exclusively); but as lambs in the flock, (and so members of the assembly), **be subject** (*hypotassō*) to your elders
  - a) And so, the members of the flock/assembly/congregation are to line up under, fall in ranked-order (voluntarily and with a positive mind-set), the overseeing-undershepherds.
3. Then, **all of you** (the flock in general, old and young, male and female, mature believers, young believers), clothe yourselves in humility towards each other:
  - a) Thus, we have McCalley’s Relationship I and II: to the Elders and to One Another . . .

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## Relationship II: To One Another

4. 'Clothing' yourselves . . . Is girding one article of clothing to another. The ancient manner of dress was to have an inner garment and an outer robe-type garment. The outer garment was girded around your torso with a sash. **egkomboomai**
  - a) But: this has the added meaning of a slave outer garment: Tying on an outer garment to do work.
  - b) Christ: was girded with a towel to dry the disciples' feet. **JOHN 13**
  
5. Humility: the opposite of pride, simply. But having a correct (from Divine viewpoint) of yourself.
  - a) The opposite of the arrogance of believers at Corinth whom did not introspectively evaluate from Whom they received all of their spiritual gifts: "***What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?***" . . . "***You are already filled, you have already become rich, you have become kings without us***" . . . "***Now some have become arrogant, as though I were not coming to you.***"
  - b) Lack of humility is lack of applying the knowledge of Christ's cross-work to correctly assess yourself: **It is humbling to have to feel, and have to own, how vile we learnt ourselves to be. Is it not a truer deeper humility to know in His light that our careless, and perhaps, unworthy failure cost Him to be (as it were) consumed to ashes in God's unsparing judgment of our Iniquity laid upon Him, and that we are, I am, not worthy thinking or talking about?** WILLIAM KELLY

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## Relationship II: to One Another & Relationship III: To God

1. God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble

a) This O.T. phrase is a common saying and a self-evident axiom of God, it would be one of the "things" that characterize Him and describes His personality and how He operates

b) This phrase appears often:

But He gives a greater grace. Therefore *it* says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you. JAS 4:6-10

FOR THOUGH THE LORD IS EXALTED,  
YET HE REGARDS THE LOWLY,  
BUT THE HAUGHTY HE KNOWS FROM AFAR.  
Ps 138:6

THOUGH HE SCOFFS AT THE SCOFFERS,  
YET HE GIVES GRACE TO THE AFFLICTED.  
PROV 3:34

A MAN'S PRIDE WILL BRING HIM LOW,  
BUT A HUMBLE SPIRIT WILL OBTAIN HONOR.  
PROV 29:23

"WHOEVER EXALTS  
HIMSELF SHALL BE  
HUMBLED; AND  
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## Relationship III: To God & Relationship IV: To Pressures

2. Humbling yourself before God, with the purpose of Him exalting you at the proper time
  - a) This is summed up by waiting on His timing in everything; not rushing into big 'spiritual' plans ahead of Him... Some examples:
  - b) David, his anointing and Saul: David was a lowly young shepherd, Jesse didn't even consider him when showing Samuel his sons... He is anointed by Samuel as King very young (possibly at 13). David survives at least 3 assassination attempts by Saul until the caves at Ein Gedi, where he can easily kill Saul, but only cuts off the corner of his cloak. From 13 years of age to roughly 35 years of age (20 to 25 years?) he waits for God and His timing, even though he knows he is the King.
3. **'Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you'** [KJV]: in the context of I Peter 5:1-9, this phrase has the contextual effect of: 'suffering Christ's reproach together with Him here on earth, because of our identification with Him here, we feel the hostility and reproach that the cosmos and Satan has towards Christ, and Christ has to the cosmos and Satan. We are, by association, are caught up in the human and angelic conflict, until we are taken up physically to associate with Him in glory. We will experience anxiety in this, but it is normative, and nothing strange (I Pet. 4:12) [adapted from R. MERRYMAN]  
TO CAST = **to throw upon**. Therefore Peter tells us:
  - a) 'suffering and waiting in humility; be then humbled by the mighty hand of God, while casting all your anxiety upon Him' . . . is the effect in the Greek. [adapted from R. MERRYMAN]
  - b) Cares, anxieties, worries? You're experiencing **merimna**. Martha had it: "Martha, Martha, you are worried (**merimnaō**) and bothered about so many things;" said Jesus.
  - c) **'Merimnaō** for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.... And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus' PHIL 4:6

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**8** Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

## Relationship V: To the Devil

- Peter has used 'be sober in spirit' twice before in I Peter in 1:13 and 4:7: *'Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.'* & *'The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.'*
  - R. Smith told us back in 1:13 that sober had the idea of being serious, being watchful, being circumspect and focusing your mind on a task; it's an Aorist active imperative, so do it and do it now
  - Be alert: take the watch (as in a guard tower) lest by remission or inactivity or casualness you are overtaken by some calamity.
- The calamity, the danger: **IS THE DEVIL** . Our Adversary (*antidekos*) the counsel on the other side of a lawsuit; He accuses us both day and night before the bench of God, Rev. 12:10
  - Devil = **diabolos**. Lit. to cast against; a slanderer; a false accuser.
  - Prowls: he paces back and forth in a circle, waiting for the opportune time to pounce.
  - He devours: whole, he makes extinct in one swallow, like a shark . . . McCALLEY
- Peter, of all people knows what he is speaking of . . .
  - He was caught up two times by Satan, Mark 8:33: Jesus said to Peter, 'Get behind me Satan!' and in the Garden of Gethsemane . . . In striking the high priest's slave's ear . . .

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**9** But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

## Relationship V: To the Devil

1. We are to resist: or stand your ground against him. Defend your ground; do not go on the offensive.

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- Do not rebuke him, do not rail a judgment against him; just defensively resist. Not even Michael did this, but he instead left it to the Lord, **'The Lord rebuke you. . .'** JUDE 1:9
- If the archangel Michael respects Satan's great power, so should we
- No . . . Do not do this:

2. Do do this!

Finally, **be strong in the Lord** and in the strength of His might. **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 in the evil day**, and having done everything, **to stand firm**. EPH 6:10-13



3. Knowing that our fellow believers who are also in the cosmos, suffering the same hostility and reproach as we... 'Knowing' is a settled truth in the matter, Paul tells us: **"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able.."** I COR 10:13

