



## **LESSON NINE:**

### ***The Humbleness of a Christian***

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**Text: I Peter 5:1-7**

**Introduction:** We are currently studying through the book of I Peter. His theme is the encouragement of Christians in suffering. Rome was just starting to persecute the Christians, and Peter in his wisdom chose to prepare them for this spiritual battle. He wants to address some spiritual issues, provide an explanation for the “fiery trial” (**I Peter 4:12**), and lift up the community of believers. Peter views the suffering of Christians through the agonies of Jesus, and recognizes the divine purpose of Christian suffering in light of the atonement of Christ. I believe he wanted Christians to establish an unstoppable faith. Specifically, we will be looking at the humbleness of a Christian in our lesson today. Let's study together . . . .

**Discussion:**

#### ***I. Humble Leaders in the Church (5:1-4)***

- A. Church leaders should reflect on Christ's leadership.
- B. Church leaders should remember the flock of God.
- C. Church leaders should not rule over the church
- D. Church leaders should consider the Chief Shepherd.

#### ***II. Humble Youth in the Church (5:5)***

- A. Young Christians should be led by older Christians.
- B. Young Christians should be mentored by older Christians.
- C. Young Christians should be taught by older Christians.
- D. Young Christians should resist prideful behavior.

#### ***III. Humble Members in the Church (5:6-7)***

- A. Christians are humbled by God.
- B. Christians are lifted up by God.
- C. Christians are blessed by God.
- D. Christians are loved by God.

**Conclusion:** Every Christian should have an unstoppable faith. You can run us over. You can hurt us. You can even kill us. But, you will NOT stop us. We are Jesus strong! We are filled with the Spirit of God! And, we have a hope that will keep us motivated to move forward. How's your faith? Have you committed your life to Christ?

**WORD OF THE DAY = "HUMBLENESS"**