

Genuine Humility in a Fake World

1 Peter 5:1-7

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Introduction

God's desires for church leaders:

Leaders should passionately care for the church. (v.2)

Leaders should genuinely serve the church. (v.2)

Leaders should model Jesus. (3)

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Genuine humility is attractive.

Incomplete pictures of humility.

I am humble when I serve.

I am humble when I think less of myself.

I am humble when I think of others.

Growing in genuine humility:

God blesses the humble person. (v.5, Proverbs 3:34)

➤ Application: pray for humility of the heart.

God shows himself to the humble person. (6)

➤ Application: celebrate the blessings of God and others.

God loves transparency. (7)

➤ Application: be honest with God.

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To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ² Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

⁵ In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.