

# 1 Peter 5:5

## Spiritual Enemy #1 is Deep Within Each of Us

### Context: 1 Peter 5:1-4

Elders are to be Examples of Spiritual Maturity/Stability as They Serve the Lord and Others in/through the Local Church Willingly, Givingly and Servingly

### Continuation of the Theme: 1 Peter 5:5

Speaking to Young Men and Ultimately to All of the Non-Elders in the Local Church-Warning about Our #1 Spiritual Enemy-Which We are to Recognize and to Subdue

**You younger men, likewise be subject to *your* Elders and all of you**

**clothe yourselves with humility toward one another**

**because**

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

**P** resumes "I'm SUPER Important and Everybody Else Must Affirm This!"

**R** educes My Ability to See My Dependence on God/Others

**I** s One of My Three Favorite Words (along with "Me" and "Mine")

**D** eeply Selfish Way to Think and to Live

**E** ffectively Repels Grace (Which is One Key Reason God Opposes It)

## Take This To Heart

**We Can Defeat Self-Centered Pride By Embracing Christ-Centered Humility**

*Humility isn't thinking less of ourselves but it is thinking about ourselves less*

**The Mechanism of Christ-Centered Humility is the Believer Abiding in Christ**

*Recognizing/Responding from the Heart to the One Who Loves Us and Has Saved Us  
Relationship > Rules -Empowering Us to Become Truly +R without Becoming Self +R*