

## 1 Peter:

### A Message for Graduates

*Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.  
Ephesians 5:22 (NIV)*

*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.”*

*<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time  
1 Peter 5:5-6 (NIV)*

- **Submission is about \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

*<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.  
James 4:6-7 (NIV)*

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.  
Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)*

*For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.  
Romans 12:3 (NIV)*

### Why Submit?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ follows humility.

- **God’s \_\_\_\_\_**

*But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:*

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

*<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.  
James 4:6-10 (NIV)*

- **God’s \_\_\_\_\_**

*The result of humility is fear of the Lord,  
along with wealth, honor, and life.  
Psalm 22:4 (HCSB)*

*When pride comes, then comes disgrace,  
but with humility comes wisdom.  
Proverbs 11:2 (NIV)*

- **God's** \_\_\_\_\_
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*In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:*

*<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature<sup>[a]</sup> God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;*

*<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature<sup>[b]</sup> of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.*

*<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!*

*<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)*

*For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”*

*Luke 14:11 (NIV)*

*Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.  
1 Peter 5:6 (NIV)*

*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.  
Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV)*