“Clothe Yourselves With Humility”

Intro: The fourth chapter closed with Peter announcing that it “is time for __________ to begin with the household of God” and that “it is with difficulty that the __________ is saved.”

A. Peter instructs the church in __________.
   1. __________ are not to be self-serving taskmasters but servants who set forth a selfless __________.

B. Such godly attributes as humility require _______ - _________. (cf. Luke 9:23)
   1. If we are to be willing to learn about humility this morning, then we must also be willing ___________ pain - the good pain of denying ourselves as we face various __________.

I. Peter exhorts the __________ ______ of the church to be men of just as he did the elders.
   A. The young men are to “____________, be ______________ to [their] elders.”
      1. Young men, in the same attitude in which the elders are to lead you, you are to follow by ___________ ______________ to them.
      2. The words “be subject” are translated from the Greek word “hupotasso” which literally means “to _______ ____, ________.” “Be subject” is in the Greek aorist imperative active which means it is a strong command whereby young men are ordered to actively and continually submit themselves to the _______ established authority of the elders.

II. Peter exhorts the __________ ______ to be a people of __________ just as he did the young men and elders.
   A. The word “clothe” means to “gather or tie a knot, to __________ on a garment.” It refers to tightly cinching something on so as not to lose it.
   B. The word “humility” refers to “lowness of mind, ______-abasement, and to esteem oneself small.” It is to correctly __________ oneself __________.
      1. There is ___ room for _______ ful haughtiness in the church! Instead we are to have the same attitude which was also in __________ who humbled Himself unto death on a cross! We are to ___________ with this same humility.
   C. God is ____________ to the __________!
      1. The word “opposed” literally means “to set an _______ in array against, to arrange in ________ order.” Metaphorically as it is used in our text it is “to set oneself in opposition to or in array against, it is to actively ____.”
D. God gives __________ to the __________!

1. Isaiah 57:15, “For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "__ _______ on a high and holy place,
And also _______ the contrite and _________ of spirit In order to
revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite."

III. The only logical conclusion: “___________ ____________, ...”

A. As we humble ourselves in faith trusting in God our __________ we place
ourselves under the ____-__________ protective _______ of the Almighty!

B. As we humble ourselves in faith the___________ Heavenly Father will
___________ us at the proper time.

C. We must humble ourselves by __________ all our __________ upon
God.

1. “___________ ” refers to those things that concern us so much that it
negatively _________ our ____________ to the point that it alters our
personality.

2. The word “casting” means “to __________.” We are to actively throw
our self-pities and self-concerns and all our personality altering anxieties on
________ the ______ ____ ______ for us like no other can nor will.
(cf. Matt. 6:25-34)

Closing: You see, church, the Lord sets before us today a _______ and a
__________. The proud He opposes and of them ultimately disposes. To the
___________ He gives grace and at the right time _________ them to their proper
place.

It is the beginning of New Year - let’s call 2006 “The Year of ____________ ” where
we seek to cloth ourselves in the humility of ____________.

Church, ____ are a __________ race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for
God’s own possession. ____ has _________ ___ out of darkness into His marvelous
light. At one time we were a people who had not received mercy, but now we have
received God’s mercy. So, let us _________ ___ the light even as He is in the light.
And let us do this by clothing ourselves with ____________ toward one another! Let
it begin in us - in God’s own household. It is _____ ______ purpose that
_________ _____!

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