Intro: There is to be __________ among the Christians toward each other as they humbly entrust themselves __ ______ by humbling themselves under His mighty hand, but we are to take a proactive stance in __________ the __________ and his devices!

1 Peter 5:8-9

I. Peter calls us to __________

A. Be of ________ spirit, be on the ________!
   1. “Sober” means to think ________ and realistically; including then the exercise of self-restraint. This is a positive exhortation that instead of calling us to be not drunk, we are called to actively ________ our ________ to the reality of our enemy and his ploy and to act appropriately. (cf. 1 Thess 5:5-6)
   2. To be “alert” is to be awake and __________! (cf. Pro. 24:33-34; Matt 26:41)
   3. With vigilance we must continually be clear and ________ recognizing the enemy for who he is and being alert to his scheming devices!

II. Peter identifies the __________ as our adversary.

A. When Peter writes saying, “________ adversary ...” we are awakened and sobered to the reality that the devil is __________ opposed to us and seeks our demise!
   1. The name devil means “________ accuser.” He is also known as Satan. The name Satan means “adversary.” In the Scripture he is also referred to as “the great dragon” and “the serpent” (Rev. 12:9); “the __________ of the brethren” (Rev. 12:10); “the ruler of this world” (Jn. 12:31); “the prince of the air” (Eph. 2:2); “the evil one” (Matt. 13:19); and “Beelzebul the __________ of the __________” (Matt. 12:24).

   B. Our adversary prowls about like a roaring lion, __________ someone to __________.
      1. The word “seeking” indicates an __________ __________.
      2. “Devour” literally means to “________ ________.” Metaphorically it can carry the idea of wasting or squandering. Satan’s final __________ is not to bother us, or distract us, or even injure us, but to utterly __________ us.
II. Peter tells us what ____________ to take ____________ our enemy.
   A. We are to actively ___________ our adversary.
      1. Resist means to ___________ ___________ whether in deed or word.
   B. We are to be “__________ in faith.”
      1. Firm means to be stable, __________, strong, and ________________.
      2. Zodhiates defines “faith” as “objectively meaning that which is
         believed, the doctrine, the _______________ ______________ of faith.”
      3. This _________ that we are to be firm in is not a matter of what we can
         conjure up, or are subjectively hoping for, but what God has forever
         established in His _______________ ____________.
IV. Peter ________________ us by reminding us that we are a part of the
    church.
    A. The word “accomplished” (in verse 9) carries the idea of not only undergoing
       the suffering, but ____________ it with ____________.
       1. It is not just that everybody else is suffering too, but our brethren are
          also enduring it, being firm in faith. ... As ___________ is sustaining them,
          so will Christ __________ you! There’s the ________________!

Conclusion: We must humble ourselves under the mighty hand of
God for He will exalt us at the proper time. And as we humble
ourselves toward each other and under God’s mighty hand,
we must also take an ____________ role in
our adversary the devil, just as Peter instructs us to.

We must actively humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God
by diligently _______________ ourselves in the ____________ of God.
And in so doing, we will be firm in faith and with the enemy resisted
we will stand with the church ________________.