Keys to Living for the Glory of God
1 Peter 5:5-14

In **today's** text **1 Peter 5:5-14**, as He **closes** his letter, Peter will give us **several keys** to **living** for the **glory** of **God**, as we press on living in a **world** of **suffering** as a **Christians**. Calling us to that all important **virtue** of **humility**, and also of **faith** in **God** and His **care** for **us**, he gives us the **keys** to fighting our **spiritual war** against our **adversary**, the **devil**. He reassures us that **God** is ultimately in **control** of our lives, that **He cares** for us, and that He will eventually **perfect**, confirm, strengthen and establish **us**, and bring us into **eternal glory**. This is **good news**, and on it we have set our hope!

Today's text is **1 Peter 5:5-14...** here we will see

- **V-5:5-7 – Humble Yourselves Before God**
- **V-5:8-11 – Resist the Devil**
- **V-5:12-14 – Stand Firm in the True Grace of God**

In his book **From Pride to Humility**, Stuart Scott **defines humility** as, *"The mindset of Christ, <u>a focus on God and others</u>, a pursuit of the recognition and the exaltation of God, and a desire to glorify and please God in all things and by all things He has given."* Humility has as its **first** object, **God Himself**.

Philippians 2:3-4 - 3 **Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard**

one another as more important than himself; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but **also for the interests of others.** NASB

Proverbs 16:5 - 5 Everyone who **is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord**; Assuredly, he will not be unpunished. NASB

Proverbs 16:19 - 9 It is **better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the proud**. NASB

Proverbs 21:4 - 4 Haughty eyes and **a proud heart, The lamp of the wicked, is sin**. NASB

Isaiah 2:12 - 12 For the Lord of hosts will **have a day of reckoning Against everyone who is proud and lofty**, And against everyone who is lifted up,
That he may be **abased**. NASB

Proverbs 11:2 - 2 When **pride comes, then comes dishonor**, But **with the humble is wisdom**. NASB

Proverbs 29:23 - 23 A **man's pride will bring him low, But a humble spirit will obtain honor.** NASB

Isaiah 66:1-2 - 1 Thus says the Lord, "Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest? 2 "For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," declares the Lord. "**But to this one I will**

look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word. NASB

James 4:6-10 - 6 But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, **"God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble."** 7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. **8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be miserable and mourn and weep**; let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy to gloom. 10 **Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you**. NASB

Luke 12:22-26 - 22 And He said to His disciples, **"For this reason I say to you, do not be anxious for your life**, as to what you shall eat; nor for your body, as to what you shall put on. 23 "For life is more than food, and the body than clothing. 24 "Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap; and they have no storeroom nor barn; and **yet God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds! 25 "And which of you by being anxious can add a single cubit to his life's span? 26 "If then you cannot do even a very little thing, why are you anxious** about other matters? NASB

Ephesians 6:10-12 - 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. **11 Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places**. NASB

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 - 12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands **take heed lest he fall**. 13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and **God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.**

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 - 23 Now may **the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete**, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 **Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass**. NASB

As we conclude today let us **reflect** on the **beautiful** and **profound letter** that Peter has written. It is filled with many **riches** and **promises** that **God** has given to us in and **through** the **life**, **death** and **resurrection** of Jesus. He has taught us the Gospel in certain terms. That **Jesus died for sins** once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might **bring us to God**, having been **put to death** in the flesh, but **made alive** in the spirit, having explained that **Jesus Himself bore our sins** in His **body** on the **cross**, so that we might **die to sin** and **live to righteousness**, and that by His wounds we were healed. As the **new** people of God in Christ, we have sure **hope** and much **encouragement** to endure our **trials with joy**, and this while we walk with Jesus whom we **deeply love** and adore. Let us stay focused on these **great** and magnificent promises as **pilgrims waiting** for Christ's return and **living** for His **glory** while we **wait**. 1 Peter is a very rich a beautiful **gift from God** to the church that strengthens our **faith**, empowers our **hope**, teaches us to **love**, and shows us how to **glorify God** and **enjoy Him** forever. Let us pay **careful attention** to this **Heaven-sent Word** and **take** it to our **hearts**. Let us **thank God** with grateful hearts for giving us such clear and **encouraging** words to **guide** our **faith** in Christ!