

***Living for Christ  
in a Hostile World***

***Studies in 1 Peter***

***Humble Members***

***1 Peter 5.5-7***

## **Being submissive**

*voluntarily placing ourselves under those whom  
God has placed in authority over us*

*citizens to civil authorities 2.13; Rom 13.1-6*

*workers to managers 2.18*

*wives to husbands 3.1*

*church members to church leaders 5.5*

# **1. We must place ourselves under Church Leaders**

***those 'over us' in the Lord 1 Thess 5.12***

***every church is to have properly appointed  
and recognised leaders Tit 1.5; Acts 14.23***

➤ ***respect the church leadership 1 Thess 5.12***

***they are there to correct us 1 Tim 3.2; Tit 1.9***

***discipline is vital Heb 12.5-11***

➤ ***hold leadership in highest regard 1 Thess 5.13***

***they are called to take care of you 1 Pet 5.2***

➤ ***love the church leadership 1 Thess 5.13***

***overwhelm them with appreciation!***

***1 Cor 13.1-8***

# 1. We must place ourselves under church leaders

- *remember your church leaders Heb 13.7*  
*imitate their faith to be fruitful like them*  
*1 Cor 11.1; Phil 3.17; 4.9; 2 Thess 3.7;*  
*1 Tim 4.12; Tit 2.7*
- *obey your church leaders Heb 13.17*  
*they will be held accountable for their care*  
*make their work a joy, not a burden*  
*3 John 4*
- *young men - often full of their own ideas!*  
*learn to put others first Phil 2.1-5*

## 2. Clothe yourselves with humility, vs 5-6

- *like Jesus with the towel John 13.4,14-7*  
*God sets himself against the self-assertive  
but gives grace to the submissive  
pride prevents God's blessings*
- *we must humble ourselves*  
*the way up is always down first Luke 14.8-11*

## 3. Cast all your cares on him, v7

- *His mighty hand is in full control*
- *His mighty love is full of care for you*  
*off load your burdens on to him Luke 19.35*