1. A Loving concern for God’s Sheep [1Peter 5:2-3]
2. A Desire to please Christ Alone [1Peter 5:4]
3. **Be Humble [1Peter 5:5-7]**

**Humility serves God and others v5**

1. **Servant Leadership Seeks to serve God with our humility and our submission for His glory!**

* **Humility follows the older Believer.**
* *The younger Christian isn’t just charmed with the Bible but they are changed by the Bible!*
* **The warning of not changing -** Eccl 11:9 “Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.
* **Humility is submissive, both ways.**
* **Humility is leading by example with our actions. *Here is a list of what Humility looks like”***

1. Real humility is staying teachable, regardless how much you know.
2. Humility is compassionate and forgiving.
3. Looks for the best in others.
4. Seeks to win people not to argue.
5. Realizes only God knows the person true motives and struggles.
6. Realizing how far they fall short and have a sense of their need to grow.
7. True humility isn’t thinking less of yourself, it is thinking less of yourself.

* **Humility is the opposite of pride! *Here is a list of Pride!***

1. Ignores God and His Leading.
2. Thinks of themselves more than helping others.
3. Looks at their life with a telescope but others with a microscope.
4. Pro 16:18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.
5. Pro 11:2 “When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.

* Humility is nothing but the truth. Pride is nothing but a lying.
* Humility finds favor with God!

1. **Humility knows that God’s Recognition counts more than human praise! V6 Faith, Humility and Repentance!**

* **Faith –** We care more about How God is seen in us than how we look to people.
* Phil. 4:6 “Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
* **Humility -** We worry about our love for God more than our love for the things in this world!
* Luke 16:13 “No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.
* **Repentance -** We change our lives to line up with how God wants us to live!
* Matt. 6:33 “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

1. **Humility talks with God! V7**
2. Casting Care - Woriess, Stress and Struggles
3. Careful trust – not casting show that we don’t trust. We must admit our need for Him! Letting others help you is part of God’s plan.
4. Caring God – The Lord cares for us! – Sometimes we think our sins and struggles are not of God’s concern! We we turn to God in Repentance God will bear the weight of all struggles. This is active not a passive thing.

**Don’t humble and submit to Circumstances but to the God who controls circumstances!**

* The Ants cleans and picks a carcase quicker than a lion does, so don’t let the little cares destroy our peace than a single great trouble in our mistaken reverence for God’s Greatness, we refuse to cast them upon Him! G. S. Barrett, B.A
* Suppose a meadow in which a million of daisies open their bosoms. God knows them all.
* Matt. 6:26 “Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

1. Be Watchful [1 Peter 5:8-9]
2. Be Hopeful [1Peter 5:10-14]

**God’s Care of His servants**.—Paul Gerhard was, many years ago, a great preacher in Brandenburg, Germany, and he loved to preach from his heart what he saw and believed in the Word of God. But the “Great Elector” of Brandenburg did not like his preaching, and sent to say to him, “Paul Gerhard, if you cannot preach differently from that, you must leave this country.” Gerhard sent back a message that it would be very hard to leave his home, his people, his country, and his livelihood; but he could only preach what he found in God’s Word, and as long as he lived he would preach that. So he had to go into banishment with his wife and little children. At the end of the first day’s journey they came into a wood, and rested at night at a little inn they found there. The little children were crying and clinging to their mother, and she too, who had kept up all day, now began to weep. This made Gerhard have a very heavy heart. So he went alone into the dark wood to think and pray. While he was in the wood this text came to his mind and comforted him: “Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him, and He will bring it to pass.” “Yes,” he thought, “though I am banished from house and home, and don’t know where to take my wife and children for shelter to-morrow, yet God, my God, sees me in this dark wood. Now is the time to trust Him. He will show me the way through. He will bring it to pass.’ ” He was so happy that he remembered that text, and so thankful to God, that he tried to make the text into a hymn as he paced up and down between the trees. Every verse begins with a word or two from the text, so that if you read the first words of each verse you just read the text. When he went into the house he told his wife about the text, and began to repeat to her his hymn. She soon dried her tears (the children bad already gone to sleep), and become as hopeful and trustful as Gerhard himself. They had scarcely retired to rest when they heard a great noise at the door. It seemed as though some important person were knocking there. When the landlord opened the door, a man on horseback said aloud, “I am a messenger. I come from Duke Christian of Merscberg, and I am in search of Paul Gerhard. Do you know whether he has passed this way?” “Paul Gerhard,” said the landlord. “Yes, he is in this house.” “Then let me see him instantly,” said the Duke’s messenger. And the messenger handed to the good man a large sealed letter. It came from the Duke Christian, and it said, “Come into my country, Paul Gerhard, and you shall have church, and people, and home, and livelihood, and liberty to preach the gospel to your heart’s

content. Gerhard’s hymn commenced thus:—

“ ‘Commit thy way,’ O weeper,

The cares that fret thy soul,

To thine Almighty Keeper,

Who makes the world to roll;

“ ‘Unto the Lord,’ who guideth

The wind and cloud and sea;

Oh, doubt not, He provideth

A pathway, too, for thee.”