

I Peter 5:6-11

3 Instructions On Advancing Toward Christian Maturity



Context/Background

- Author: Apostle Peter
- Audience: Letter written from Rome to believers in Asia Minor (Turkey)
- Major Theme: Holy living in times of persecution
- Chapter 5: Conclusion of letter; Having strong, loving and mature congregations

Aligning With God's Provision

- (vv. 6-7) As result of God's grace flowing to the humble Peter instructs believers to develop attitudes of humility and service
- Humility: remembering who we are in light of who God is
- Word, "exalt" – to lift up, to raise up
- (v.7) Believers can "throw" all the worries of life onto Jesus who will carry them
- God provides what is needed to progress to maturity

- Ps. 55:22, “Cast you burden on the Lord, and He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.”
- Psalm 23:1, “The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not lack.”



Defending Against Satan's Programs

- (vv. 8-9) The ultimate cause of trials and persecution is Satan (Eph. 6:12, "We don't wrestle against flesh and blood, but against forces of evil...")
- Believers and churches have a real and deadly enemy
- Adversary: enemy, one who is against, opponent
- As result; be sober, be vigilant
- Be careful of dismissing Satan, or being obsessed with

- Eph. 6:13, “Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”



Trusting God's Promises

- (vv. 10-11) Peter expresses prayer for people; highlights God's grace and faithfulness
- Reminds people: If suffering/problems, God has purpose and reason, must trust Him and His word
- God will always see us through; He is the source of all comfort, peace, and help
- Perfect, Establish, Strengthen, Settle

- Eph. 3:20, “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think according to the power that works in us,....”
- I John 4:4, “You are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.”

