



~ Thought For The Day ~

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“come just as you are”

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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord in these days rekindle us in Your ; mercy, compassion and Your agape Love, give us discernment how to care for the people that You bring across our path today. Bless us each one, grant us favor, and I ask supply all our needs and our daily bread. Keep us and protect us in Jesus' name. Amen.

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I Peter 5:1-14 (AMP)

¹ I WARN *and* counsel the elders among you (the pastors and spiritual guides of the church) as a fellow elder and as an eyewitness [called to testify] of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a sharer in the glory (the honor and splendor) that is to be revealed (disclosed, unfolded):

² Tend (nurture, guard, guide, and fold) the flock of God that is [your responsibility], not by coercion *or* constraint, but willingly; not dishonorably motivated by the advantages *and* profits [belonging to the office], but eagerly *and* cheerfully;

³ Not domineering [as arrogant, dictatorial, and overbearing persons] over those in your charge, but being examples (patterns and models of Christian living) to the flock (the congregation).

⁴ And [then] when the Chief Shepherd is revealed, you will win the conqueror's crown of glory.

⁵ Likewise, you who are younger *and* of lesser rank, be subject to the elders (the ministers and spiritual guides of the church)—[giving them due respect and yielding to their counsel]. Clothe (apron) yourselves, all of you, with humility [as the garb of a servant, so that its covering cannot possibly be stripped from you, with freedom from pride and arrogance] toward one another. For God sets Himself against the proud (the insolent, the overbearing, the disdainful, the presumptuous, the boastful)—[and He opposes, frustrates, and defeats them], but gives grace (favor, blessing) to the humble.

⁶ Therefore humble yourselves [demote, lower yourselves in your own estimation] under the mighty hand of God, that in due time He may exalt you,

⁷ Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately *and* cares about you watchfully.

⁸ Be well balanced (temperate, sober of mind), be vigilant *and* cautious at all times; for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring [in fierce hunger], seeking someone to seize upon *and* devour.

⁹ Withstand him; be firm in faith [against his onset—rooted, established, strong, immovable, and determined], knowing that the same (identical) sufferings are appointed to your brotherhood (the whole body of Christians) throughout the world.

¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace [Who imparts all blessing and favor], Who has called you to His [own] eternal glory in Christ *Jesus*, will Himself complete *and* make you what you ought to be, establish *and* ground you securely, and strengthen, and settle you.

¹¹ To Him be the dominion (power, authority, rule) forever and ever. Amen (so be it).

¹² By Silvanus, a true (loyal, consistent, incorruptible) brother, as I consider him, I have written briefly to you, to counsel *and* urge *and* stimulate [you] and to declare [to you] that this is the true [account of the] grace (the undeserved favor) of God. Be steadfast *and* persevere in it.

¹³ She [your sister church here] in Babylon, [who is] elect (chosen) with [yourselves], sends you greetings, and [so does] my son (disciple) Mark.

¹⁴ Salute one another with a kiss of love [the symbol of mutual affection]. To all of you that are in Christ *Jesus* (the Messiah), may there be peace (every kind of peace and blessing, especially peace with God, and freedom from fears, agitating passions, and moral conflicts). *Amen (so be it).*

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The painful trial (4:12–19). Nero's persecution of Christians was the direct work of the devil (5:8). Nevertheless, in the mysterious providence of God, it would turn out for the good of the church: the faith of those who suffer will "result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed" (1:7). There have been many persecutions since, many of them more brutal and widespread than Nero's, in which unnumbered millions of Christians have endured every conceivable kind of torture. When we think of this, we ought to be ashamed of ourselves for our fretfulness over our petty troubles. Peter's humility (5:1–7) is discernible in this section, all the more remarkable because humility was not Peter's most notable trait in the Gospels.

Mark (5:13) was with Peter at the time. He is thought to have written his Gospel under Peter's direction, possibly about the time Peter wrote this letter.

(Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; history & commentaries; page 876-877)

Exhortation To The Elders

VV 1-2 This commission to the elders is the same one Jesus gave to Peter: "Feed the flock of God (John 21:15-17). Feeding builds a strong flock. A ministry with a strong emphasis on money should raise questions about the motivations of the minister. V3 Ministers are to be examples to the people, not "lords" over them. V7 God wants us to give all our burdens to Him. VV8-9 The Bible never tells us to yield to Satan, or to give up, but to resist him in the faith (James 4:7). V14 The love ("charity") Peter speaks of is spiritual love (agape). (New Testament Study Guide; The Word For The Day; 2005; Chuck Smith; page 173)

To humble yourself "under the mighty hand of God, that in due time He may exalt you" (1 Peter 5:6) means to ask the Lord for what you need and then wait on Him to provide as He sees fit, knowing that His timing is always perfect. Are you humbling yourself under His hand in every situation of your life and trusting that He knows what is best for you? He has great plans for you, so I encourage you to be still, stop striving, and allow Him to show you how to cooperate with His purposes for you. Also, be sure to cast all your cares upon the Lord (see 1 Peter 5:7). Do not worry about anything because staying peaceful is actually proof that you have humbled yourself and that you trust God to do what needs to be done.

Maintaining balance in all things is so important! If we do not, we open a door to Satan, who roams around hungrily seeking to devour us (see 1 Peter 5:8). I want to share some thoughts that will help you stay balanced in one particular area of your life—your self-image. Of course, there are many other aspects of life that need to be kept in balance as well, but I want to focus first on self-image because it is such a foundational issue.

In order to develop a balanced, healthy, God-centered self-image, incorporate the thoughts below into the way you think about yourself.

1. I know God created me, and He loves me.
2. I have faults and weaknesses, and I want to change. I believe God is working in my life. He is changing me bit-by-bit, day-by-day. While He is working on me, I can still enjoy my life and myself.
3. Everyone has faults, so I am not a failure just because I am not perfect.
4. I am going to work with God to overcome my weaknesses, but I realize that I will always have something to deal with; therefore, I will not become discouraged when God convicts me of areas of my life that need improvement.
5. I want to make people happy and have them like me, but my sense of worth is not dependent upon what others think of me. Jesus has already affirmed my value by His willingness to die for me.

I will not be controlled by what other people think, say or do. Even if they totally reject me, I will survive. God has promised never to reject or condemn me as long as I keep believing (see John 6:29).

No matter how often I fail, I will not give up because God is with me to strengthen and sustain me. He has promised never to leave me or forsake me (see Hebrews 13:5).

1. I am right with God through Jesus Christ.
2. God has a good plan for my life. I am going to fulfill my destiny and be all I can be for His glory. I have God-given gifts and talents, and I intend to use them to help others.
3. I am nothing, and yet I am everything! In myself I am nothing, and yet in Jesus I am everything I need to be.

I can do everything God calls me to do, through His Son Jesus Christ (see Philippians 4:13).

As I mentioned, there are many other areas where we should strive for balance. We should maintain the balance of work and rest, eat a balanced diet, never spend more than we earn, and enjoy people but also have solitude. Although we want to please people and have their approval we must put God and His will first in our lives at all times.

If we do not maintain balance in our lives, Satan will take advantage of the door we have opened. Check your life and if you find areas out of balance, ask God to help you make whatever adjustments are necessary.

Study Questions For 1st Peter:

1. First Peter 1:3-4 states that because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead we have been born again into a "living hope." Referring to John 14:19, what is that living hope?

2. 1 Peter 2:5 encourages that we are being built into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. What are those spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to Him? (See Hebrews 13:15).

3. God has given us the rules for having a long and happy life. List these five rules found in 1 Peter 3:10-11.

4. We are going to experience trials in this life, so we shouldn't be surprised. How should we respond according to 1 Peter 4:13 and 4:16?

5. 1 Peter 5:9 exhorts us to resist the devil and to stand firm in the faith. List some practical ways you can do this in your life today.

(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life; 2005; Joyce Meyers, Scripture, commentaries, pages 2084-2086)

(Word Search 9, Bible Software; 2005; Bibles, dictionary, concordance, sermons, scripture)

Psa 119:105
Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.



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