***In Times Like These - James, Peter, John, Jude***

**Lesson 12**

**Shepherding and Submitting**

Read I Peter 5

 Memory work: I Peter 5:6,7.

 1.a. To whom is Peter addressing this message?

 b. What is he exhorting them to do?

 c. What are true shepherds to do concerning their flocks? For help see Jeremiah 3:15; Ezekiel 34:11-

 31; John 10:1-30.

 d. What does the congregation miss out on if they don’t have a humble pastor?

 e. Why did Peter use the word “flock” to describe God’s people?

 f. Give three wrong reasons for seeking or accepting leadership in a church. Verses 2 and 3.

 g. What is a pastor to do and what is the reward? Verses 3 and 4.

 h. What example is the pastor to set? See also I Timothy 4:12-16.

 2.a. Toward whom should Christians humble themselves? Verse 6.

 b. Define humility.

 c. What examples does Scripture give us?

 Luke 6:41,42 Romans 12:3,16

 Luke 17:7-10 John 13:3-16.

 Luke 18:10-14 James 4:1-6.

 d. From I Peter 5:5, what does it mean to be clothed with humility?

 e. How is submission an act of faith?

 3. Why does God resist the proud, but gives grace to the humble?

 4.a. Why is it safe to cast all your care and anxiety on God?

 b. Where are your anxious thoughts just now?

 c. If you’re carrying them, why?

 d. Does this mean we can then be lazy? Explain.

 5.a. Why be sober and vigilant?

 b. What are his names and how does he work?

 Zechariah 3:1 I Peter 5:8.

 John 8:44. I John 4:3

 II Corinthians 11:14. Revelation 12:10

 c. Why do you think humility would be placed next to the verses concerning the devil walking around

 like a lion?

 d. Does the devil need to devour non-Christians? See John 8:44.

 e. Does a Christian need to fear that roaring lion? Why?

 f. What are we specifically told to do? Also James 4:8.

 g. How is this done? James 4:7; Ephesians 6:10-18.

 6.a. What four things should you trust God to do for you from verse 10?

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 b. What precedes these four things?

 c. What might it mean to you, personally, if you would begin to entrust yourself to Him?

 d. Who is, always, to receive the glory?

 7. What do we learn about the early church from the following:

 Silas

 She (probably local church)

 Mark

 Greeting