

Exercises of Humility

Introduction

- bending down – an act of worship
- the posture of humility

Main Points: We can exercise humility by...

1. serving with the right _____
 - Peter reminds leaders that they are shepherds and are to
 - ◇ serve willingly
 - ◇ serve without ulterior motives
 - ◇ have a servant's heart
 - ◇ remember Jesus – the chief shepherd
 - ◇ anticipate the future
 - Matthew 20.25ff.
2. respecting our _____
 - who are the elders? – overseers
 - Proverbs 3.34; James 4.6
 - Leviticus 19.32; Isaiah 66.2
3. surrendering _____ to God
 - nothing is to be held back, kept in reserve, withheld for posterity
 - Matthew 19.16ff. – sell what you have...
4. keeping a level _____
 - keep your wits
 - ◇ acknowledge there is an enemy
 - ◇ resist the devil
 - ◇ remember that everyone is going through an ordeal
 - James 4.4-8

Conclusion

- Humility is an exercise of grace, deference, surrender, and sobriety

Over the last few weeks we've received advice from God's Word as to how to live well under persecution: embrace your _____, commit to _____; know who you are in Christ _____; learn to _____, be prepared to _____, stay _____ to the Lord, stand up under _____, and stay united. The last one relies on a spirit of _____; something we can exercise.