

Relation-Ships

1 Peter 5:5-7 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for “ God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.” 6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you.

Biblical humility is saying, I am going to choose to put you before me.

- Not because of who you are and who I am not.
- Not because of who I am and who you are not.

In this context, grace means the power to do what you need to do in the moment for the moment.

It is what we do during this waiting that determines much of who we become in the end.

Expectations are dangerous because:

- 1). Unspoken expectations lead to discouragement.
 - You can't expect someone else to read your mind.
 - You can't expect what you don't express.
- 2). Unmet expectations lead to disappointment.
 - You begin to compare your spouse to others..."Why can't you be more like...?"
- 3). Unrealistic expectations lead to defeat.

John 5:1-15

Do you want to be made well?

- Are you really ready for things to change?
- Are you ready to leave behind the excuses?
- Sometimes, and this is a hard truth, but we can start to be defined by our problem, whatever it is.
- We embrace the sympathy we get from others.
- Self-pity becomes our most familiar language.
- We aren't ready to take on the responsibility for our own issues and lives.

This is a process not a project!

2 Timothy 3:14-17 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Continue in the things, which we have learned.

1. It takes time to break old habits.
2. It takes faith to continue in something when we are not seeing results right away.
3. It's a process.

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