

# God's Blessings For the Faithful

1 Peter 5:6-11



# Faithfulness Requires Humility

1 Peter 5:6-7

- The faithful must humble themselves under God's mighty hand – 5:6a
- Humility requires trusting God no matter what we face because He cares for us – 5:7
  - Worrying shows a lack of humility
  - Humility means accepting that we do not have to fix everything ourselves!
- Only when we humble ourselves and cast our cares on God will he bless us – 5:6b; Jas. 4:10; Phil. 2:5-11; 1 Pet. 1:6-7

# Faithfulness Requires Sobriety and Alertness

1 Peter 5:8

- Faithfulness requires spiritual watchfulness – 5:8a
  - Sober – not mentally or spiritually “drunk,” rational, self-controlled, calm, collected, circumspect
  - Alert – be watchful, attentive, actively cautious
- Being sober and alert is vital because the devil wants to destroy us – 5:8b
  - He is our adversary who false accuses, slanders, and maligns us.
  - He is like a hungry lion on the prowl watching for a chance to attack and devour us!
  - We need to take these things seriously and be ready to fight

# Faithfulness Requires Resisting the Devil

1 Peter 5:9-11

- The faithful must resist the devil firm in their faith – 5:9
  - Encouraging words! – also Jas. 4:7
  - Success requires standing firm in your faith that God will give the victory – Eph. 6:11
  - You are not alone in suffering – 4:14, 4, 19
- Suffering results in blessings – 5:10-11
  - Suffering is only for a little while – Rom. 8:18
  - After suffering, God's blessings will come
  - God blesses the faithful by perfecting, confirming, strengthening, and establishing us.
  - **God will make the faithful strong enough to win! To Him be the glory – 5:11**