

“Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth Grace to the humble.” 1 Peter 5:5 KJV

Arrogant, argumentative, and defiant are words that describe the proud. *“Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination (stinking rot) to the LORD. He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife. The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy. When pride cometh, then cometh shame. Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. A man's pride shall bring him low.”* God’s friends find Him at the feet of Jesus Christ. *“Let this mind (God’s Word) be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who...took upon Him the form (human flesh)...of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. (step 1) Submit yourselves therefore to God (obey His Word). (step 2) Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.”* Jesus washed His disciples’ feet the very night of His



betrayal knowing that one of them, Judas Iscariot, would betray Him. When asked why, He replied, *“Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, the servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye DO them.”* His example was that of a servant. Foot washing was a servant’s job, not a master’s. The greatest in Heaven is the best servant! Our leaders have forgotten they are the people’s servants and seek to be their masters with burdensome ordinances, heavy taxes, and outright criminality. Many believers desire Church leadership for they desire authority, while others abdicate their duty to God, their family, and the brethren to pursue the world’s wealth and affection. Jesus said, *“Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister (servant); And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His Life a ransom for many.”* If you want to be God’s enemy, walk around being proud of yourself! It will destroy you and your family! *“The LORD will destroy the house of the proud.”*

Clothed in righteousness of Light,
Crucified in the blackest night,
God’s only Son prepared the Way,
For men to walk from night to Day! ~CGP

When our allegiance and loyalty to Christ supersedes our desire for men’s approval and praise, we will be able to endure all things that men may do to us, because our desire will be our Lord’s favor! *“I can do all things through Christ (the Word of God made flesh) which strengtheneth me!”* Paul wrote, *“The Love of Christ constraineth (urge with irresistible power) me.”* Not Paul’s love for Christ, but Christ’s Love for Paul! Most have no inkling of the majestic Love that bore their sin to Calvary! If so, obeying God would be an obsession!

“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels (emotions) of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.” Colossians 3:12-13 KJV