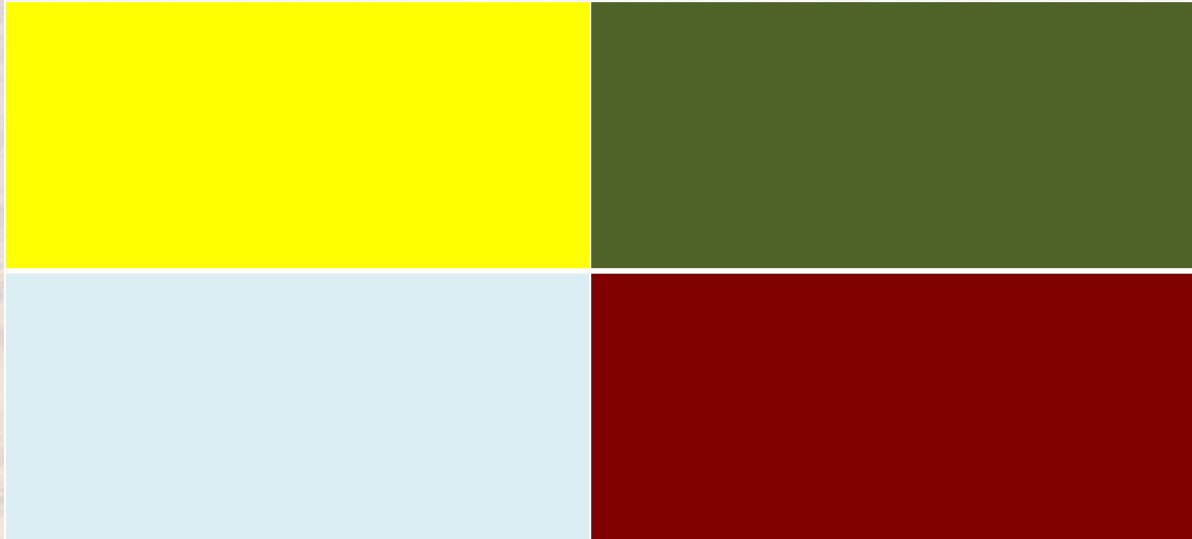


Attitude & Position

- Humility
 - A low view of one's own importance
- Pride
 - A high view of one's own importance
- Power
 - The capacity to influence the course of events
- Authority
 - Power that is seen as acceptable/appropriate

What are ways in which people have power?

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- Power differential is part of God's design
 - Not all power relationships are good
 - Yet some power relationships are essential and very good
- Where do you have power?
- When are you under others who have power?
- So how are we to live in these positions?

Relating to Others in Christ

1 Peter 5:1-7

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The First Letter from Peter

- Author: Apostle Peter, around AD 62
 - About 30 years after Jesus' death and resurrection
- Probably written to Gentile Christians
 - Experiencing some persecution, and expecting more
- “Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.” *1 Peter 4:19*

1 Peter 5:1-7

1: Peter's authority for giving this command

- Fellow elder, Christ's suffering, and sharer of future glory

2a:

2b-3:

4:

5a:

5b-7:

Elders

- Literally, older ones
 - Had power because of age and perhaps by being men
 - Perhaps also because they grew into oversight roles
- “Elder” became an “office” in the church
- In 1 Peter...
 - People who were spiritually responsible for the church
 - Probably informal and varied rather than an office

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Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care,
watching over them—

not because you **must**,
but because you are **willing**, as God wants you to be;

not pursuing **dishonest gain**,
but eager to serve;

not **lording it over** those entrusted to you,
but being examples to the flock.

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- 5b-7: Everyone: be humble, and entrust self God
 - Pride brings God's opposition. Humility brings His care.

The Big Idea

In our relationships

Christ is our model of self-giving humility
 and our promise of God-given reward
 for those who trust Him by being humble
 whether you have little power or much power

Investing in the Future

- What is investing?
 - Sacrifice today, with the hope of future benefit
- How do gardeners invest?
- How do we invest in our health?
- How do students invest?
- How do we invest in relationships?
- How do we invest in heaven?



Application

- Everyone: be humble under God's hand
 - Trust God's care for you today (entrust self to God)
 - Trust God's reward for you in the future
 - By doing what is good and right, eagerly and willingly

Application

- Everyone: be humble under God's hand
- When you are in power/authority
 - Practice self-giving, sacrificial care and oversight
 - Protect, lead, guide, feed
 - Work eagerly for the good of others
 - Be humble and trust God

Application

- Everyone: be humble under God's hand
- When you are in power/authority
- When you are under others' power/authority
 - Submit in appropriate ways (heart first)
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