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Topic: **Duties to God and to Resist the Adversary**

Scripture Text: 1 Peter 5:6-14

1. The Apostle Peter was a self-confident and proud person. Because of his weakness in this sin, he was used by Satan. The Lord changed his life and in this Epistle, he warned the Christians to beware of the Devil who will devour them. The Devil wants to deceive and destroy the Christians.

2. Peter exhorted the believers to be humble (v.6). We must be humble for God's sake. It is against our sinful human nature to be humble and hence we need to pray and ask God for humility.

3. Another important attitude a Christian must possess in order not to be devoured by the Devil is to cast our cares and worries to God (v.7). The reason we should do it is because Jesus cares for us. We must tell to the Lord every burden in us. We must never have the "I know better" or "Don't bother God" mentality.

4. The 3rd attitude is to be sober i.e calm and temperate and to be vigilant i.e. alert and watchful (v.8). We need not panic in the face of troubles. The 4th attitude to have is to resist the Devil (v.9). We do not play around with sin and go near temptations.

5. While we may suffer as a Christian, we know it is only temporary. God will perfect, stablish, strengthen and settle us for His glory. Let us live with passion for the Lord.