

"1Peter 5:5 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. "

That word humility means *lowliness of mind or humiliation of mind*.

The word humble means *depressed, humiliated (in circumstances or disposition), base, cast down, of low degree, lowly*

The word proud means *appearing above others*

The word resisteth means *opposes*.

Does that give you some ideas? Look if you feel left out, you're actually in a good place to receive the grace of God, not necessarily because God likes you better, but because you are beginning to see that your efforts to fit in will never get you what you're looking for. You already fit in with God. If you've accepted Jesus as your Savior then the Word says you ALREADY ARE loved and HIGHLY FAVORED. Just quit. Quit trying to fit in. Spend your time discovering the person God sees in you already. Somehow this changes things in your life right now. You stop having to prove anything to the world, become settled and content. You find it's okay to obey those who are over you because it doesn't take away from YOU at all! Nobody can do that when you know who you are.

I can guarantee you one thing. You are accepted right here. People may not be all into you or the things you do and say, but they CAN recognize Christ in you. So let Him live through you by giving up!

The folks who have hardened their hearts to God will likely always reject Him. When you encounter these people, nothing you do or say will change their minds. Don't take it personally. It's not you they are rejecting, but God in you. Pray for them, that their hearts will soften, and

they will begin to experience the Life of God YOU have found.

Finally, surround yourself with the people who support God's Life in you. Find friends who encourage you, who recognize you may not have it all together in your own abilities, but Jesus in you makes you RIGHT!