

# **Reverent in Behavior**

**“For bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.”**

**I Timothy 4:8**



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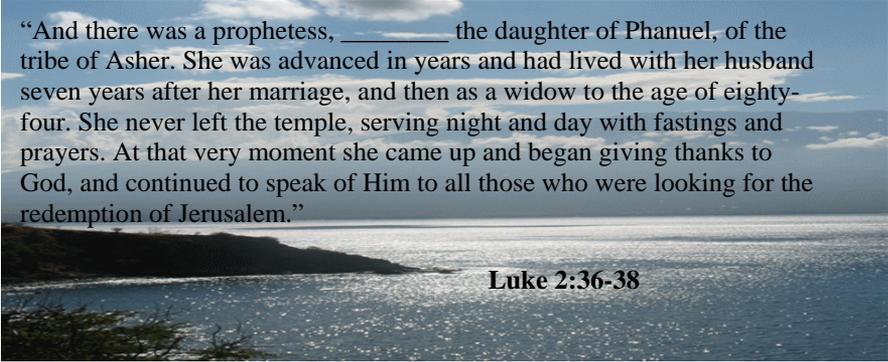
## Reverent Behavior refers to...

- Behavior that is **engaged** in sacred service. (Vincent's Word Studies)
- Behavior that **becomes holiness** - "holy women." It means appropriate to a sacred place or person, or **becoming** to religion. Their conduct should be such as the

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(Barnes' Notes on the Bible)

## Biblical Example of Reverent Behavior



"And there was a prophetess, \_\_\_\_\_ the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years and had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers. At that very moment she came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem."

Luke 2:36-38

**Anna** (outline adapted from *The Woman Who Finally Got What She Wanted*, Kathryn Capoccia, © 2000)

- ❖ She served God...
  - Worshipped day and night, continually and devoted
  - Fasted to fully devote herself to prayer without any distractions
  - Prayed for the redemption of Israel
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Simeon's testimony (Lk. 2:25-35)
  - Gave thanks for answered prayer
  - Became a witness and missionary
- ❖ She exemplified these Fruits of the Spirit...

- love
  - joy
  - peace
  - patience
  - self-control
- ❖ She displayed the following characteristics...
    - She patiently endured; she persevered in her faith and God answered. (Lk. 18:1-7)
    - She trusted and relied on God to provide for her needs as a widow. (Psa. 68:19)
    - She put God first and her faith was honored by God. "Those who honor me I will honor." (Psa. 91:15)
    - She realized joy and happiness when God answered her prayers. (Prov. 13:19a)
  - ❖ She had a testimony of...
    - Walking with God
    - \_\_\_\_\_ God
    - Serving God by serving others

### **How I View God and How I View Myself**

- ❖ I must realize that God is holy and just. (Rev. 15:4)
- ❖ I must sense His continual presence. (Psa. 139:7-12)
- ❖ I must admit that I need God. (Psa. 91:2)
- ❖ I must evaluate my \_\_\_\_\_ with Him (1 Cor. 11:31)

## **Discipline of Reverent Behavior**

- ❖ Asking the Lord for help by praying, listening and responding to God's grace to obey. (Psa. 119:26)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ of your ways. (Psa. 139:23-24)
  - God will answer. (Isa. 65:24)
  - God will teach. (Psa. 16:7)
- ❖ Relying on the Holy Spirit (Jn. 16:13; Heb. 4:12; 2 Tim. 3:16)
  - Rebuking
  - Instruction
  - Correction
  - Training
  - Guiding
- ❖ Exposing yourself to the Word of God
  - Listening (Matt. 11:15)
  - Reading (Psa. 119:18; Jam. 1:25)
  - Studying (2 Tim. 2:15; Acts 17:11)
  - Memorizing (Psa. 119:11)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (Psa. 19:14; 119:97)

## Process of Reverent Behavior

❖ Participation (Col. 3:1; Phil. 2:12)

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### God Is Able

Able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think. Eph. 3:20

Able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. 2 Cor. 9:8

Able to help those who are being tempted. Heb. 2:18

Able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. Heb. 7:25

Able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy. Jude 24

Able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. 2 Tim. 1:12

Able to transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself. Phil. 3:21

I must believe that He is able to do this... "Yes, Lord,"

According to your faith be it done to you. Matt. 9:28-29

(Daily Light, Richard Baxter, KJV)

## Hindrances to Reverent Behavior

❖ Normal Challenges of Life (I Pe. 4:12-13; Proverbs, James)

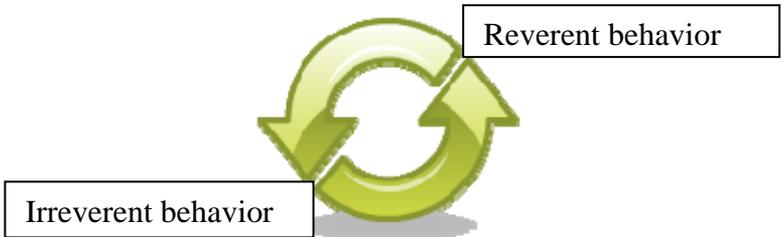
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- ❖ Living in this \_\_\_\_\_
  - Materialism (I Jn. 2:15)
  - Society's concept of women (Tit. 2:3-5)
  - Trends in worshipping God (Jn. 4:24)

**I am constantly developing.....**



**What I am doing with my life will result in what I am.**

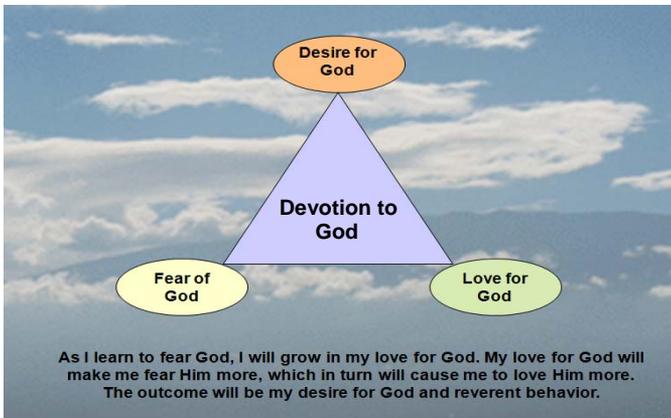
**The question is: Am I progressing toward reverent or irreverent behavior?**

**Am I striving by the Spirit's enablement to...**

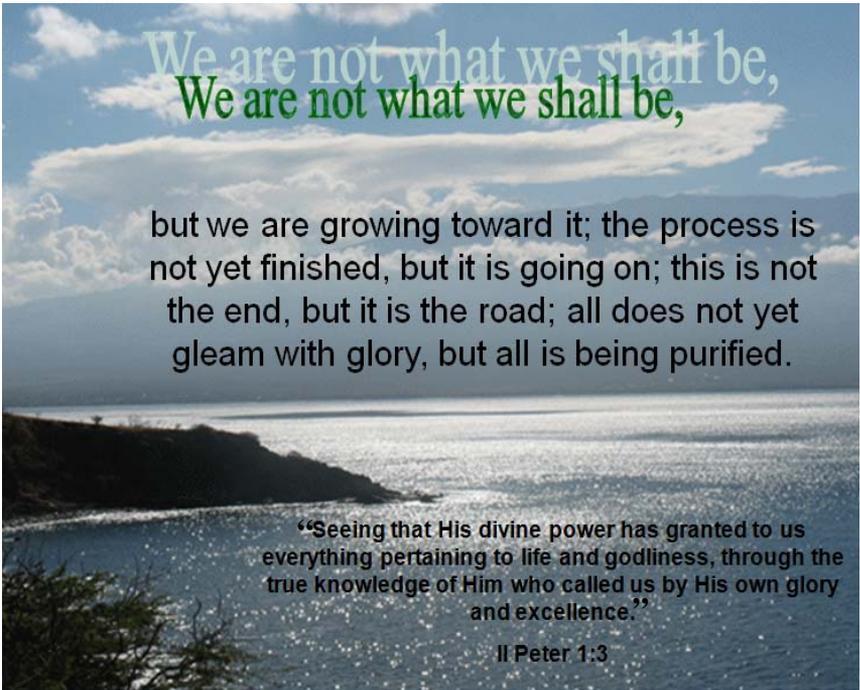
**Mortify the flesh?**

**Manifest \_\_\_\_\_?**

- ❖ \_\_\_\_\_ (Mk. 7:21-23; Jam. 4:1; Rom. 7:19)
  - Ungodliness (Tit. 2:12; Rom. 1:18)
  - Anxiety and Frustration (Psa. 119:165; 139:23; 94:19)
  - Lack of faith / trust (Psa. 33:21; 37:5; 37:7)
  - Discontentment (Heb. 13:5; 2 Cor. 12:10; Phil. 4:11)
  - Not thankful (Heb. 13:15; Psa. 34:1; 103:1-2; 119:164; I Thess. 5:18)
  - Pride (Rom. 12:3; Prov. 16:18; 29:23; 8:13)
  - Selfishness (Gal. 6:2; 2 Tim. 3:1-5; Phil. 2:3-5)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (I Cor. 10:31; 2 Pe. 1:6; Gal. 5:23; Prov. 25:28; Eph. 5:16-17)
  - Impatience and Irritability (Col. 3:12; I Pe. 4:8; Eccl. 7:8; Gal. 5:22; Eph. 4:2)
  - Anger and all of its weeds (Eph. 4:31; Jam. 3:14)
  - Judgmental (Rom. 14:4; Matt. 7:3)
  - Envy, Jealousy and Related Sins (I Cor. 9:24; Jam. 1:17; Psa. 75:7)
  - Sins of the Tongue (Psa. 139:2,4; Prov. 16:24)
  - Worldliness (I Jn. 2:15-17)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (Gal. 6:3; 2 Tim. 3:5)



(The Practice of Godliness, Jerry Bridges, adapted)



(Quote by Martin Luther)

## **Books Suggested and Used**

**Daily Light, Richard Baxter**

**Valley of Vision, edited by Arthur Bennet**

**Changed Into His Image, Jim Berg**

**The Practice of Godliness, Jerry Bridges**

**Respectable Sins, Jerry Bridges**

**All references from NASB, unless otherwise indicated.**