

“REVERENCE FOR GOD, RESPECT FOR OTHERS”

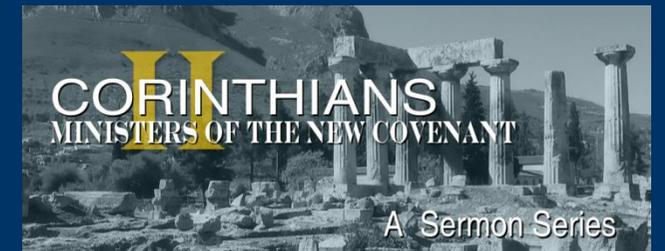
(2 Corinthians 6:11-7:4)

Expository Sermon of II Corinthians - Sermon 13

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INTRODUCTION:



The most consistently endearing human trait is warmth. Everybody responds to the person who radiates friendliness from a serene core. Such people are lovely to be around because they don't reject or belittle and, best of all, they bring out the best, most generous qualities in the people they encounter.

INTRODUCTION:



When we find someone who radiates warmth, it's like stepping out of the cold to warm our palms at a crackling fire.

I. TWO GUIDELINES FOR LIVING FULFILLED LIVES

Paul uncovered some important guidelines to steer us into proper relationships and clear of potentially detrimental ones.

Guideline # I: Unless there is an emotional bond, we cannot be free in a relationship.

***2 Cor 6:11** We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. **12** We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. **13** As a fair exchange — I speak as to my children — open wide your hearts also.*



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Guideline # I: Unless there is spiritual freedom, we dare not be bound in a partnership.

***2 Cor 6:14** Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? **15** What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? **16a** What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God.*



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***2 Cor 6:16b** As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people." **17** Therefore, "Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you."*

***18** And, "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."*



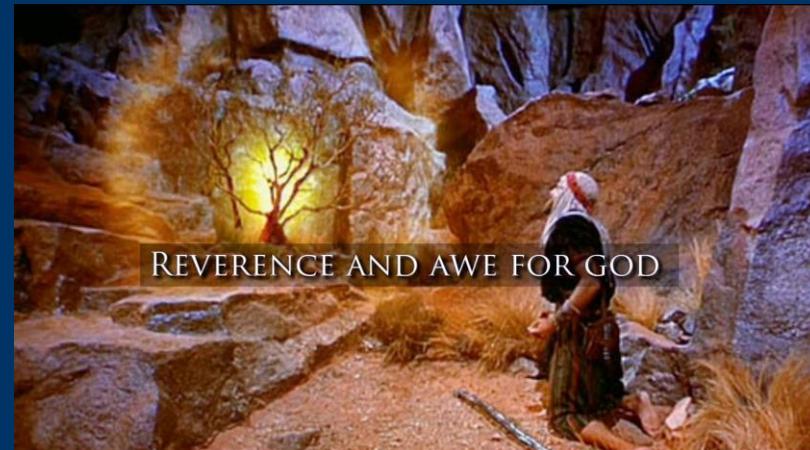
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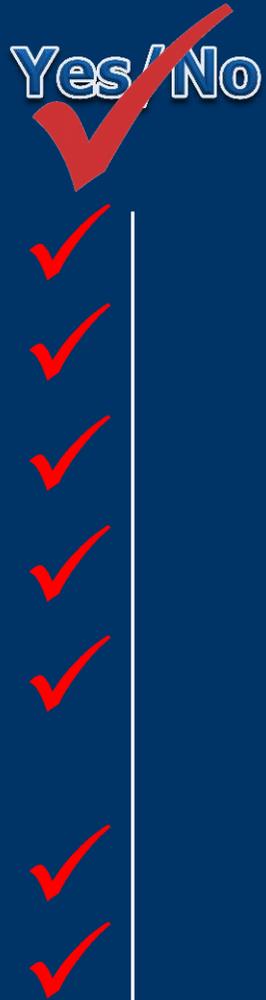


2 Cor. 7:1 Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.



II. HOW DO WE LIVE OUT THOSE GUIDELINES?

Yes/No



How honest are you when it comes to reading your spiritual thermometer?

1) Am I irritable and easily get angry?

2) Am I impatient with my children?

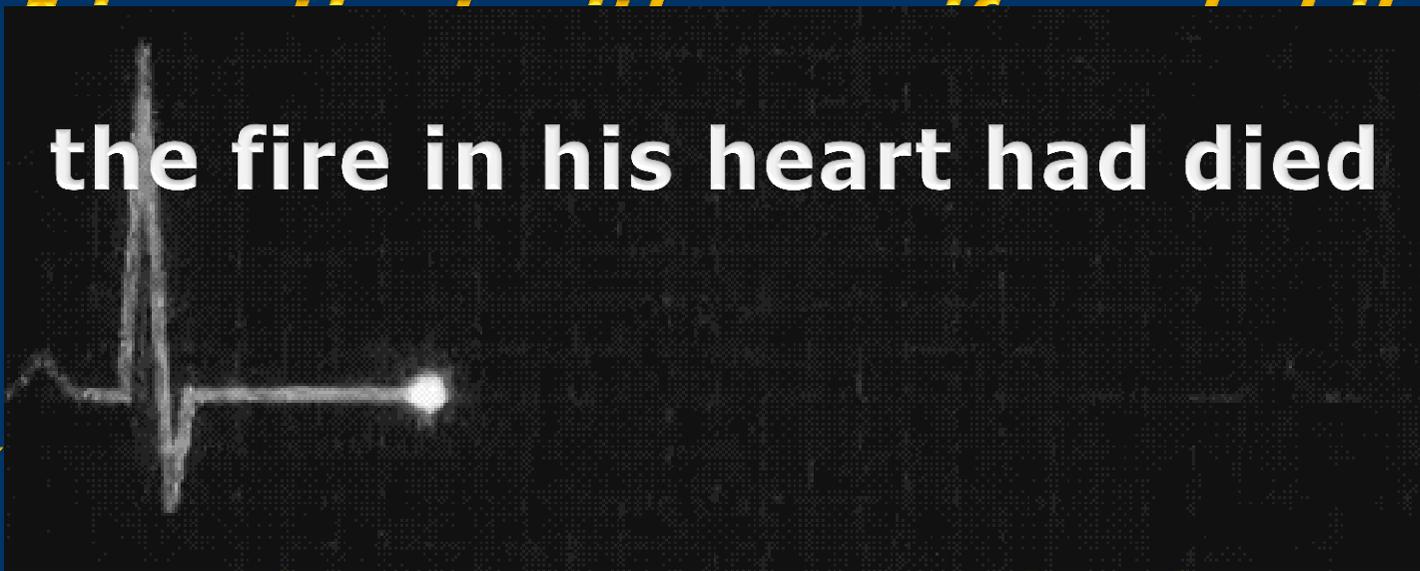
3) Am I impatient with my people?

4) Am I impatient with my wife?

5) Am I impatient with my own thoughts? Do I think of myself too much?

6) Am I impatient with my own spiritual growth? Do I stumble?

7) Am I envious in my heart at the greater success of other young ministers?



Spiritual Thermometer

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2) When you respect others, you don't speak words that condemn them.

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3) When you respect others, you have confidence in them .

CONCLUSION:



Two benefits we can anticipate when we have the proper reverence for God and respect for others.

2 Cor 7:4b *I am greatly encouraged; in all our troubles my joy knows no bounds.*

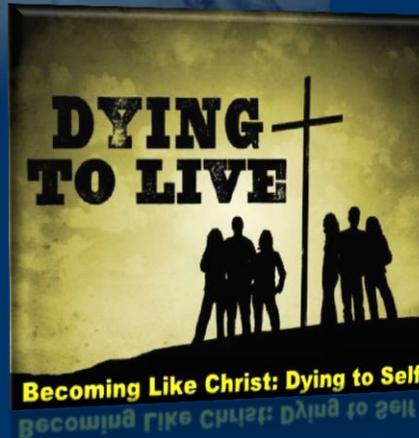
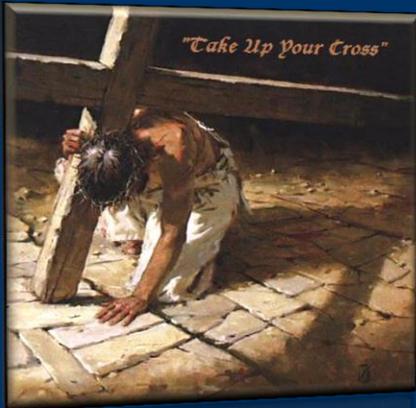
A) When our relationships are right, there is encouragement.

B) When we have respect for others, there is joy even in times of troubles.

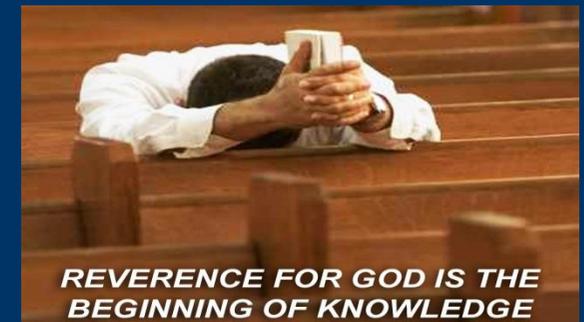
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It's only through the cross that we come to terms with reverence for God and respect for others.





CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What are some endearing human traits in human relationship?*
- 2. Why is it that some people can easily build relationship than others?*
- 3. How does relationship and partnership with unbelievers affect our walk with God?*
- 4. How does one show his reverence for God? In what ways does one show respects for others?*
- 5. How does a vertical relationship affect the horizontal relationship?*



Scripture References:

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