



Holding A Form Of Godliness
2 Timothy 3:5

"The heavens declare the glory of God!" (Psalms 19:1)

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Genesis 1:1-2
"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was waste and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep: and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

Man has often been a fool! cf. Romans 1:20ff

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yare
Tremble, dread, reverence
Exodus 14:31 (Feared)
Proverbs 3:7 (Fear)

Psalms 89:7
God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him. (NKJV)

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shachah
To fall prostrate / worship
Genesis 22:5 (Worship)
1 Samuel 1:3 (Worship)

Esther 3:5
And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not down, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath.

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aidōs
A sense of shame or honor, modesty, bashfulness, regard for others, respect
1 Timothy 2:9 (shamefacedness)

Hebrews 12:28
Wherefore, receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have grace, whereby we may offer service well-pleasing to God with reverence and awe

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phobeo
To fear, be afraid, to reverence, venerate, to treat with deference or reverential obedience
Acts 10:22 (Fears)
Acts 13:26 (Fear)

Ephesians 5:33
Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband. (KJV)

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entrepo
To respect
Luke 20:13 (respect)

Hebrews 12:9
Furthermore, we had the fathers of our flesh to chasten us, and we gave them reverence

2 Timothy 3:5 – More Than Pretension

“holding a form of godliness, but having denied the power thereof. From these also turn away.” ASV

“having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!” NKJV

“holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.” NASU

“having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power.” ESV

2 Timothy 3:5 – More Than Pretension

- We want to make God in our image. cf. Romans 1:22ff
 - Worship
 - Divorce
 - Happiness
- Forgotten our purpose. Ecclesiastes 12:13
- *2 Corinthians 5:8-9 “we are of good courage, I say, and are willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be at home with the Lord. Wherefore also we make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well-pleasing unto him.”*

Living On Holy Ground – Exodus 3:4-6

1. Never Surrender To Doubt. Ephesians 3:14-20
2. God Knows Best. Deuteronomy 6:24
3. God Comforts At Death. cf. Acts 7:59
Philippians 1:21-23; Psalms 23:4; Hebrews 2:14-15

Fabricated Reverence

- Stained glass windows
- Burn incense, light candles
- Preacher wear special clothes
- Elaborate cathedrals / buildings / trinkets
- Emotionalism: Humming / clapping / lower the lights / swaying

1 Timothy 4:7-8 Exercise Toward Godliness / Reverence

1 Timothy 4:7-8 “but refuse profane and old wives’ fables. And exercise thyself unto godliness: for bodily exercise is profitable for a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life which now is, and of that which is to come.”

gumazo – To exercise vigorously, in any way, body or mind.

eusebeia – Reverence, respect, piety toward God.

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Three Things Necessary.

1. Always "SEE" the majesty of God on His throne. Isaiah 6:1ff; Matthew 6:9; Psalms 111:9
2. Begin a training program.
 - Study. Hebrews 5:12ff; cf. Ephesians 3:3; 4:17; 5:17
 - Make changes. cf. Romans 12:1-2
3. Recognize the need to sacrifice. Matthew 16:24

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Reverence Cannot Be Faked

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