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IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

WEEK TEN

REVERENT

DAY 1

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. What does Titus 2:3 say the older women are to be in their behavior?

3. Look up the definition for the word "reverence" and write it below:

4. In the original Greek, the word reverence is the same word for submit. Depending on the context it will sometimes be written, reverence and other times submit. Write the definition for the word "submit" below:

5. Read Romans 12:10 and think also about the two definitions you wrote above. Does your life reflect an attitude of deep respect and yielding to others? Would people consider you a respectful person? Do you show preference to others in honor? How so?

6. Write out this week's memory verse on a notecard or a piece of paper and post it somewhere you will see it often (e.g bathroom mirror, car, desk, kitchen sink, etc.).

Scripture Memory:

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor...

Romans 12:10

I'm praying about:

DAY 2

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. In the verses below, who are we called to be reverent toward or subject to:
 - Ephesians 6:1-2:
 - Romans 13:1 & Titus 3:1:
 - 1 Corinthians 16:15-16:
 - Leviticus 19:3 & Ephesians 5:21:
 - Ephesians 5:22 & Colossians 3:18 & 1 Peter 3:1-2:
 - Titus 2:9:
 - James 4:7:
 - 1 Peter 5:5:
3. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 3

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. What does Isaiah 29:13 say about reverence that consists of outward actions, but does not originate in the heart?
3. According to 1 Peter 2:13 & Ephesians 5:21 why do we show reverence for one another?
4. Reverence for others must first begin with the fear (or reverence) of the Lord and for His commands. We show honor and respect to others because we first honor the Lord. True reverence begins in the heart and works its way out in our attitudes, words and actions. It is hypocritical and double minded to attempt to display reverence in outward actions if we are not first reverent in our hearts. Looking at the list of people from Day Two that we are called to show reverence/submission to, who is the greatest challenge for you and why?
5. While we are commanded by Scripture to show reverence and submission, we are not called to remain silent at all costs and to be doormats. That is not a picture of godly submission to authority. There are moments we are called to speak out and even resist the authority over us because of sin. Read Daniel 3:10-18 and Esther 7:1-6. What do you notice about the way in which the characters in these stories addressed the authority figures over them? Do you speak and act in a similar way toward those God has placed in authority over you whether you agree with them or not?
6. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 4

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. What are reasons or situations in which you find reverence for or submission to others difficult?
3. According to 1 Peter 5:5, we are to submit with what? God is opposed to whom?
4. Sometimes the reason for our refusal to show reverence or submission to those in authority over us can be due to ignorance; we weren't aware of what the Lord commanded us. Other times, we are too arrogant or too rebellious to obey. What does Romans 13:2 say is the consequence of our refusal to be reverent toward those in authority over us?
5. Our lack of reverence brings consequences of varying kinds, but our obedience to respectfully submit to authority over us yields good fruit. What does Titus 2:5 & 9-10 say is the result of us being subject to those in authority? What does 1 Peter 3:1-2 say may be the effect of our respectful behavior on others?
6. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 5

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. 1 Peter 3:5-6 tells of women of faith who preceded us being submissive to their husbands. What was the source of their hope?
3. The verse above clearly tells us that we don't show reverence because an authority figure has earned it, but because we hope in the Lord. An unfair boss, ungodly husband, or sinful government official still deserves our respect and obedience (except in areas of sin) because we don't place our hope in their ability to lead with perfection, but rather in the Lord, who is the only perfect authority figure. Scripture is full of story after story of God correcting ungodly leadership according to His divine wisdom and timing. Our reverence for others is a reflection of our godliness, dignity and the degree to which we trust the Lord to act in our lives as He sees fit. Instead of trying to mold the leaders around you into your idea of who they should be and how they should act, what do Psalm 19:14 and Hebrews 12:14 command us to do?
4. It's difficult to pursue peace with someone if we are constantly slandering their reputation or criticizing their leadership abilities. While those in leadership may not be perfect, it's important to remember that we cannot fix the sin in anyone else's life but our own. How would actively obeying Philippians 4:6-8 help you be more reverent toward the authority God has placed in your life? How can you put this into practice this week?
5. Write out this week's memory verse below: