

**The Big Picture:** Given their position in God's kingdom, their possession in God's kingdom, their protection through God for the salvation to come, along with the trials they will have to face, this body of believers must have a manner by which they are to operate.

**The Motivation Behind the Manner that the Saint Should Have**

1. A child of God has been birthed into a new life that gives him a new position, a new perspective, a new purity, a new passion, and a new power to pursue and reflect the holiness of God; this should give him incentive to be holy like God.
2. A child is to be obedient because he is no longer ignorant to the truth about his lust.
3. A child is to be holy and obedient because he is to reflect the holy nature of the one that birthed him spiritually.
4. A child should conduct himself in fear because God is the Father of a saint and judges him impartially.
5. A child should conduct himself in fear because he has been delivered from the penalty and power of the sinful, pointless, unproductive ways learned and practiced from generation to generation through the death, burial, resurrection of Jesus Christ which is a payment in eternal currency.
6. A child of God should conduct himself in fear because the person and work of Jesus Christ has led him to have faith and hope in God.
7. Having faith and hope in God should lead him away from subjecting himself to the habitual, sinful, pointless, unproductive patterns learned and practiced from generation to generation into appropriate fear of God.
8. A child can sincerely love other Saints because he knows that he was delivered from sin through embracing the eternal Word of God which brought him the Gospel so he could develop in sincere love for God and others.
9. A child of God knows he was not delivered from sin to live for himself but to live in love for God and others.

**Key Points to Consider:**

1. Where there is true hope in God there should be genuine holiness as God himself is holy.
2. Where there is genuine holiness there should be godly fear.
3. Where there is godly fear there should be sincere love for others.
4. A settled disposition to hope in Christ and to be obedient to Christ along with a disciplined mind in hope in Christ and obedience to Christ should lead to real hope, genuine holiness, godly fear, and sincere love for others.
5. Motivations of the heart must be centered on wanting to please God, the promises of God, the protection of God, and what one has in God above temporal desires if one is to live in real hope, genuine holiness, godly fear, and sincere love for others.