#### HOW CHRISTIANS BEHAVE





### **BEHAVIOR OF A CHRISTIAN**

- **<u>observed</u>** by others (harmony <u>between</u>)
- <u>chosen</u> by self
- judged by God

(goodness <u>within</u>) (reward, destination, consequences) Christian behavior is not random or unconsidered behavior. The Christian person corrects their behavior so that it meets certain criteria.

- blesses <u>others</u>
- blesses <u>self</u>
- blesses <u>God</u>

(I Thess. 4:6) (I Cor. 14:40) (Gal. 6:8)

### QUESTIONS TO GUIDE BEHAVIOR

- 1. Am I the <u>owner</u> or <u>caretaker</u> of this life I have?
- Is my life <u>finished</u> at death or will I live <u>forever</u>?
- 3. Is the **purpose** of my life a matter of "doing" or "being"?

# Our <u>behavior</u> will become our <u>character</u> through <u>regular</u> <u>practice</u>.

Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers. *(I Timothy 4:15-16)* 

#### Our <u>behavior</u> should flow from <u>belief</u> and <u>conviction</u> rather than money, ease, or pleasure.

But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name. When they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:17-20)

## Our behavior should be <u>consistent</u> regardless of circumstance.

# And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good. (*II Thessalonians 3:13*)