

# THE ESSENTIAL TEMPERAMENT OF A RELIGIOUS PERSON

## **Compassionate**

Courteous and Polite

Empathetic toward Suffering and Sorrow

## **Kindly Disposed toward Inferiors**

Not oppressing Servants

Not abusing Children

Not mistreating Animals

## **Tender-Hearted**

Easily Moved

Reverent and Respectful

## **Self-Effacing**

Not Rude or Importunate

Giving Way to Others

Willing to Take Abuse

## **Poised**

Dignified, with a Self-Confident Manner

Composed, Self-Possessed, and Well-Balanced

Refined, appreciating what is Beautiful and Good

These traits define a **true Gentleman**

- both gentle and genteel.

Christ displayed all of these Qualities.

He was a true Gentleman.

His Followers will strive to be like Him.

This lifestyle is to be found among Christians, Buddhists, Hindus, and Confucians. It is not as readily found among Jews and Muslims.

Those who are farthest from the Kingdom of God are the Overbearing, the Cruel, the Violent, the Selfish, the Abusers of Children, and the Petulant Masters.

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