

"WE ARE OBSESSED WITH BEING RESPECTED, BUT RARELY CONSIDER OUR OWN OBLIGATION TO RESPECT OTHERS." —GARY THOMAS

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SO WHATEVER YOU WISH OTHERS DO TO YOU, DO ALSO TO THEM, FOR THIS IS THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS.
—MATTHEW 7:12

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I. HOW DO WE DEFINE RESPECT?

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- > TO FEEL ADMIRATION FOR (SOMEONE OR SOMETHING); TO REGARD (SOMEONE OR SOMETHING) AS BEING WORTHY OF ADMIRATION BECAUSE OF GOOD QUALITIES
- > TO ACT IN A WAY WHICH SHOWS THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF (SOMEONE'S RIGHTS, WISHES, ETC.)
- > TO TREAT OR DEAL WITH (SOMETHING THAT IS GOOD OR VALUABLE) IN A PROPER WAY TO DO WHAT IS REQUIRED BY LAW, ETC.

—BRITANNICA DICTIONARY

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"THE WORD RESPECT IS A TRANSLATION OF THE GREEK WORD *TIMÉSAI*, MEANING 'HONOR OR VALUE.' IT LITERALLY MEANS 'TO PLACE A GREAT VALUE OR HIGH PRICE ON SOMETHING.'... DISRESPECT IS ALWAYS A BAD THING, AND RESPECT IS UNIVERSALLY A GOOD THING. RESPECT IS ADMIRATION FOR A PERSON BECAUSE OF HIS OR HER POSITION, ABILITIES, QUALITIES, OR ACHIEVEMENTS. RESPECT IS ASSOCIATED WITH ESTEEM, REGARD, HIGH OPINION, ADMIRATION, REVERENCE, DEFERENCE, AND HONOR. IN THE BIBLE, RESPECT IS MORE SPECIFICALLY THE ACT OF ACKNOWLEDGING ANOTHER PERSON'S WORTH, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF POSITION, HONOR, OR AGE. DISRESPECT IS THE OPPOSITE OF RESPECT: IT IS FAILING TO ACKNOWLEDGE ANOTHER'S WORTH, WITHHOLDING THE HONOR THAT SHOULD BE GIVEN, OR ACTIVELY DemeanING SOMEONE." —GOTQUESTIONS.ORG

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IN OUR INDIVIDUAL FAMILY, WE ARE TO SHOW RESPECT

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| • HUSBANDS AND WIVES | HOWEVER, LET EACH ONE OF YOU LOVE HIS WIFE AS HIMSELF, AND LET THE WIFE SEE THAT SHE RESPECTS HER HUSBAND. —EPHESIANS 5:33
LIKEWISE, HUSBANDS, LIVE WITH YOUR WIVES IN AN UNDERSTANDING WAY, SHOWING HONOR TO THE WOMAN AS THE WEAKER VESSEL, SINCE THEY ARE HEIRS WITH YOU OF THE GRACE OF LIFE, SO THAT YOUR PRAYERS MAY NOT BE HINDERED. —1 PETER 3:7 |
| • CHILDREN WITH PARENTS | "CHILDREN, OBEY YOUR PARENTS IN THE LORD, FOR THIS IS RIGHT, "HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER" (THIS IS THE FIRST COMMANDMENT WITH A PROMISE), "THAT IT MAY GO WELL WITH YOU AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG IN THE LAND." —EPHESIANS 6:1-3 |
| • PARENTS WITH CHILDREN | FATHERS, DO NOT PROVOKE YOUR CHILDREN TO ANGER, BUT BRING THEM UP IN THE DISCIPLINE AND INSTRUCTION OF THE LORD. —EPHESIANS 6:4 |

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IN THE GLOBAL FAMILY, WE ARE TO SHOW RESPECT	
• LIFE	WHOEVER SHEDS THE BLOOD OF MAN, BY MAN SHALL HIS BLOOD BE SHED. FOR GOD MADE MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE. —GENESIS 9:6
• SOCIAL ORDER	¹⁴ LIVE AS FREE PEOPLE, BUT DO NOT USE YOUR FREEDOM AS A COVER-UP FOR EVIL; LIVE AS GOD'S SLAVES. ¹⁵ SHOW PROPER RESPECT TO EVERYONE, LOVE THE FAMILY OF BELIEVERS, FEAR GOD, HONOR THE EMPEROR. —1 PETER 2:14-17 (NIV)
• GOVERNMENT	PAY TO ALL WHAT IS OWED TO THEM: TAXES TO WHOM TAXES ARE OWED, REVENUE TO WHOM REVENUE IS OWED, RESPECT TO WHOM RESPECT IS OWED, HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS OWED. —ROMANS 13:7

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IN THE CHURCH FAMILY, WE ARE TO DEMONSTRATE RESPECT	
• SPIRITUAL LEADERS	LET THE ELDERS WHO RULE WELL BE CONSIDERED WORTHY OF DOUBLE HONOR, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO LABOR IN PREACHING AND TEACHING. —1 TIMOTHY 5:17
• GENERATIONS	¹ DO NOT REBUKE AN OLDER MAN BUT ENCOURAGE HIM AS YOU WOULD A FATHER, YOUNGER MEN AS BROTHERS, ² OLDER WOMEN AS MOTHERS, YOUNGER WOMEN AS SISTERS, IN ALL PURITY.... ³ LET NO ONE DESPISE YOU FOR YOUR YOUTH, BUT SET THE BELIEVERS AN EXAMPLE IN SPEECH, IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE, IN FAITH, IN PURITY. —1 TIM. 5:1-2; 4:12
• ALL WHO GATHER	¹ IF YOU REALLY FULFILL THE ROYAL LAW ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURE, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF," YOU ARE DOING WELL. ² BUT IF YOU SHOW PARTIALITY, YOU ARE COMMITTING SIN AND ARE CONVICTED BY THE LAW AS TRANSGRESSORS. —JAMES 2:8-9

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RESPECT THAT IS OWED VS RESPECT THAT IS EARNED

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¹BUT UNDERSTAND THIS, THAT IN THE LAST DAYS THERE WILL COME TIMES OF DIFFICULTY. ²FOR PEOPLE WILL BE LOVERS OF SELF, LOVERS OF MONEY, PROUD, ARROGANT, ABUSIVE, DISOBEDIENT TO THEIR PARENTS, UNGRATEFUL, UNHOLY, ³HEARTLESS, UNAPPEASABLE, SLANDEROUS, WITHOUT SELF-CONTROL, BRUTAL, NOT LOVING GOOD, ⁴TREACHEROUS, RECKLESS, SWOLLEN WITH CONCEIT, LOVERS OF PLEASURE RATHER THAN LOVERS OF GOD, ⁵HAVING THE APPEARANCE OF GODLINESS, BUT DENYING ITS POWER. AVOID SUCH PEOPLE. —2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5

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2. HOW DO WE SHOW RESPECT?

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• BEGIN WITH THE FEAR OF GOD
IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD ONE HAS STRONG CONFIDENCE, AND HIS CHILDREN WILL HAVE A REFUGE. —PROVERBS 14:26

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• SEE PEOPLE AS IMAGE-BEARERS

(MATTHEW 5:43-48)

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• LISTEN... ARE YOU LISTENING?

¹⁹KNOW THIS, MY BELOVED BROTHERS: LET EVERY PERSON BE QUICK TO HEAR, SLOW TO SPEAK, SLOW TO ANGER; ²⁰FOR THE ANGER OF MAN DOES NOT PRODUCE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD. —JAMES 1:19-20

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LET THE WISE HEAR AND INCREASE IN LEARNING,
AND THE ONE WHO UNDERSTANDS OBTAIN GUIDANCE.
—PROVERBS 1:5

IF ONE GIVES AN ANSWER BEFORE HE HEARS,
IT IS HIS FOLLY AND SHAME.
—PROVERBS 18:13

LISTEN TO YOUR FATHER WHO GAVE YOU LIFE,
AND DO NOT DESPISE YOUR MOTHER WHEN SHE IS OLD.
—PROVERBS 23:22

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• EXPRESS APPRECIATION

GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES; FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS FOR YOU. —1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

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• APOLOGIZE

THEREFORE, CONFESS YOUR SINS TO ONE ANOTHER AND
PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER. —JAMES 5:16a

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"NEVER RUIN AN APOLOGY WITH AN EXCUSE."
—BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

"APOLOGIES AREN'T MEANT TO CHANGE THE PAST.
THEY ARE MEANT TO CHANGE THE FUTURE."

"APOLOGIZING DOES NOT ALWAYS MEAN YOU'RE WRONG
AND THE OTHER PERSON IS RIGHT. IT JUST MEANS YOU
VALUE YOUR RELATIONSHIP MORE THAN YOUR EGO."

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• CELEBRATE

LOVE ONE ANOTHER WITH BROTHERLY AFFECTION.
OUTDO ONE ANOTHER IN SHOWING HONOR. —ROMANS 12:10

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3. HOW DO WE EARN RESPECT?

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"ALL OF US HAVE A CORE DESIRE TO BE RESPECTED. WHEN THIS DESIRE
ISN'T MET, WE ARE TEMPTED TO LAPSE INTO A SELF-DEFEATING RESPONSE.
RATHER THAN WORK TO BUILD OUR OWN LIFE SO THAT
RESPECT IS GRANTED TO US, WE WORK TO TEAR DOWN OUR SPOUSE

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IN A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE OURSELVES THAT THEIR LACK
OF RESPECT IS MEANINGLESS. SPIRITUALLY, THIS BECOMES A VICIOUS AND
DEBILITATING CYCLE THAT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO BREAK. RESPECT
BEGETS RESPECT. DISRESPECT BEGETS DISRESPECT." —GARY THOMAS

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• BE HUMBLE

PRIDE COMES BEFORE A DISASTER, BUT HUMILITY
COMES BEFORE RESPECT.—PROVERBS 18:12 (CEB)

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• BE RELIABLE

THE INTEGRITY OF THE UPRIGHT GUIDES THEM, BUT THE
CROOKEDNESS OF THE TREACHEROUS DESTROYS THEM. —PROV. 11:3

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• BE VALUABLE

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²²BONDSERVANTS, OBEY IN EVERYTHING THOSE WHO ARE YOUR EARTHLY MASTERS, NOT BY WAY OF EYE-SERVICE, AS PEOPLE-PLEASERS, BUT WITH SINCERITY OF HEART, FEARING THE LORD.

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²³WHATEVER YOU DO, WORK HEARTILY, AS FOR THE LORD AND NOT FOR MEN, ²⁴KNOWING THAT FROM THE LORD YOU WILL RECEIVE THE INHERITANCE AS YOUR REWARD. YOU ARE SERVING THE LORD CHRIST. —COLOSSIANS 3:22-24

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• BE MERCIFUL

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"WE MUST NEVER BE NAÏVE ENOUGH TO THINK OF MARRIAGE AS A SAFE HARBOR FROM THE FALL... THE DEEPEST STRUGGLES OF LIFE WILL OCCUR IN THE MOST PRIMARY RELATIONSHIP AFFECTED BY THE FALL: MARRIAGE." —DAN ALLENDAR, TREMPER LONGMAN

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• BE GRATEFUL

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