

# BEING RESPECTFUL IN A DISRESPECTFUL WORLD

## Sermon Series: Building Godly Values That Last

### Sermon Outline

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† Exodus 20:12, “Honor your father and mother” (NLT).

- The Hebrew word translated as “honor” is [כָּבֵד, kabbed] and the word originally meant “to be \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.”
- Ephesians 5:22 tells wives to be respectful to their husbands.
- 1 Peter 3:1, 7 tells husbands to be respectful to their wives.
- Hebrews 13:17 tells church members to be respectful to their church leaders.
- Romans 13:1-7 tells us to show respect to anyone in authority.

† 1 Peter 2:17, “Show proper respect to everyone” (NIV).

### Why Should We Treat Everyone With Respect?

1. Because God \_\_\_\_\_.

† Genesis 1:26, “Then God said, ‘Let Us make human beings in Our image . . .’” (NLT).

† Psalms 8:5, “You made us a little lower than You Yourself, and You have crowned us with glory and honor” (CEV).

- Read Jesus’ words in Matthew 25:31-46 about how you will be judged by God in the Final Judgment on how we treated people.

2. Because Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.

† 1 Peter 1:18-19, “God paid a ransom to save you . . . <sup>19</sup>He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ” (TLB).

3. Because it shows I have a \_\_\_\_\_.

† 1 John 4:8, “If a person isn’t loving and kind, it shows that he doesn’t know God — for God is love” (TLB).

† 1 Corinthians 13:5, “Love is not rude” (NLT). Meaning: Rudeness is simply \_\_\_\_\_.

† Ecclesiastes 4:6, “It is better to have only a little with peace of mind than to be busy all the time” (GNT).

4. Because I’ll \_\_\_\_\_.

† Matthew 7:12, Jesus said, “In everything you do, be careful to treat others in the same way you’d want them to treat you, for that is the essence of all the teachings of the Law and the Prophets” (TPT).

† Galatians 6:7, “A man’s harvest in life will depend entirely on what he sows” (PHL).

† Proverbs 11:17, “You do yourself a favor when you’re kind and respectful to others” (PAR).

### How Can I Be Respectful To Others:

1. When I speak to others, I must be \_\_\_\_\_, not just \_\_\_\_\_.

- Truthfulness without tactfulness is nothing more than spewing \_\_\_\_\_.

† Proverbs 15:4, “Kind words bring life but cruel words crush your spirit” (GNT).

- People with \_\_\_\_\_ have a lot less to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Many people confuse rudeness with \_\_\_\_\_.

† Ephesians 4:15, “Speak the truth in a loving way” (PAR).

2. When I am being served by people, I need to be \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.

† Matthew 7:12, Jesus said, “Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you” (NLT).

**3. When I disagree with anyone, be \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

### **How Am I Supposed to Relate To Disagreeable People?**

a. Remember that ultimately every person will be \_\_\_\_\_ by God for their own attitudes and actions.

b. Remember I am \_\_\_\_\_.

† Romans 14:12-13a, “Every one of us, then, will have to give an account to God. <sup>13</sup>So then, let us stop judging others” (TEV).

• You can \_\_\_\_\_ with somebody without being \_\_\_\_\_.

† 1 Corinthians 13:1, “If I were to speak with eloquence in earth’s many languages, and in the heavenly tongues of angels, yet I didn’t express myself with love, my words would be reduced to the hollow sound of nothing more than a clanging cymbal in someone’s ears” (TPT).

• You can be \_\_\_\_\_ on an issue, but if you are \_\_\_\_\_ about it, you are \_\_\_\_\_.

† 1 Corinthians 13:3-14:1, “Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love. <sup>14:1</sup>Let love be your highest goal!” (NLT).

**4. When I share my faith with people, show \_\_\_\_\_ and do not \_\_\_\_\_ them.**

† 1 Peter 3:15-16, “If anyone asks about the hope living within you, always be ready to explain your faith <sup>16</sup>with gentleness and [what?] respect” TPT).

† James 1:20, “For human anger does not bring about the righteousness of God” (NCV).

**5. When people are rude to me, \_\_\_\_\_.**

† Romans 12:17, 21, “Don’t mistreat someone who has mistreated you. But try to earn the respect of others by being respectful . . . <sup>21</sup>Do not let evil get the upper hand in any situation; instead, conquer evil by doing good and being respectful” (PAR).

### **Two Special Groups Here Today**

a. Those of you who were \_\_\_\_\_ by your parents.

† Mark 9:42, Jesus said, “But if anyone abuses one of these little ones who believe in Me, it would be better for him to have a heavy boulder or a millstone tied around his neck and be hurled into the deepest sea than to face the punishment he will get from Me” (TPT).

• God does not want to force you to \_\_\_\_\_ it; He wants you to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

b. Those of you who were \_\_\_\_\_ by your parents.

† Psalms 27:10, “My father and mother may abandon me but the Lord will take care of me” (GNT).

† Psalms 68:5-6, “God is a Father to the fatherless . . . <sup>6</sup>He provides homes to those who are deserted and abandoned” (CSB).

### **Verses To Memorize So Far In This Sermon Series From Your Sermon Outlines**

April 24 — Psalm 119:105 (The Living Bible); May 1 — Ephesians 5:15 (J.B. Phillips Translation); May 8 — Proverbs 3:5-6 (New Century Version); May 15 — Proverbs 21:23 (New Living Translation); May 22 — Ecclesiastes 4:6 (The Living Bible) and May 29 — 1 Peter 2:7 (New International Version)