

HOW TO DISCUSS A HOT TOPIC WITHOUT GETTING HEATED

ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: PART 1

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[Love] is not rude...(1 Corinthians 13:5a, NIV)

"Love has good manners." (Ph)

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

WHY TREAT EVERYONE WITH RESPECT?

1. Because God _____ everyone.

You and I are the same in God's sight, both of us were formed from clay. (Job 33:6, GNT)

2. Because Jesus _____ everyone.

For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and people. He is the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message that God gave to the world at the proper time. (1 Timothy 2:5-6, NLT)

3. Because it shows that I am _____.

But if a person isn't loving and kind, it shows that he doesn't know God—for God is love. (1 John 4:8, The Living Bible)

4. Because what _____ comes around.

Do not deceive yourselves...People will reap exactly what they sow. (Galatians 6:7, GNT)

When you're kind to others, you help yourself; when you're cruel to others, you hurt yourself. (Proverbs 11:17, The Message)

HOW TO SHOW RESPECT TO PEOPLE

1. When you speak to people...

BE _____ WHEN YOU'RE _____.

Be tactful with those who are not Christians ... Talk to them agreeably and with a flavor of wit, and try to fit your answers to the needs of each one. (Colossians 4:5-6, JB)

What a joy it is to find just the right word for the right occasion! (Proverbs 15:23, GNT)

Kind words heal and help; cutting words wound and maim. (Proverbs 15:4, The Message)

...If anybody asks why you believe as you do, be ready to tell him, and do it in a gentle and respectful way. (1 Peter 3:15-16, The Living Bible)

2. When you interact with people...

BE _____ NOT _____.

Treat others just as you want to be treated. (Luke 6:31, CEV)

A wise, mature person is known for his understanding. The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is. (Proverbs 16:21, GNT)

3. WHEN YOU DISAGREE WITH PEOPLE...

BE _____ NOT _____

So each of us will have to answer to God. For that reason we should stop judging each other. (Romans 14:12, NCV)

Where there is jealousy and selfishness, there is also disorder...But the wisdom from above is pure first of all; it is also peaceful, gentle, and friendly; it is full of compassion and produces a harvest of good deeds; it is free from prejudice and hypocrisy. (James 3:16-17, GNT)

4. When people are rude to you...

BE _____.

Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable... Don't let evil get the best of you, but conquer evil by doing good. (Romans 12:17,21, NLT)

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