Building Great Relationships
How to Give and Get Respect
Discover Church
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"Love is not rude." 1 Corinthians 13:5

"Love has good manners." 1 Corinthians 13:5 (Ph)

Rudeness = A lack of ***respect*** for ***others***

Selfishness

"Show proper respect to everyone." 1 Peter 2:17

Why treat everyone with respect?

- Because God ***made*** everyone

"You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor." Psalm 8:5

- Because Jesus ***died*** for everyone

"For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God." 1 Peter 1:18-19 (NLT)

- Because it shows I ***know*** God

"*But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love." 1 John 4:8*

- Because I'll get ***back*** what I ***give***

¨Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." Galatians 6:7

How to show respect to people

1. When you ***speak*** to people, be ***tactful*** not just ***truthful***

"Everyone enjoys a fitting reply; it is wonderful to say the right thing at the right time!" Proverbs 15:23 (NLT)

"*Kind words bring life but cruel words crush your spirit." Proverbs 15:4*

2. When you are ***served*** by people, be ***understanding*** not just ***demanding***

"*Do to others as you would have them do to you." Luke 6:31*

"The wise are known for their understanding, and pleasant words are persuasive." Proverbs 16:21 (NLT)

3. When you ***disagree*** with people, be ***gentle*** not just ***judgmental***

"So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister." Romans 14:12-13

"For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds." James 3:16-17 (NLT)

4. When you ***share*** your faith with people, ***respect*** them don't ***reject*** them

"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." Colossians 4:5-6

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." 1 Peter 3:15

5. When people are ***rude*** to you, ***respond politely***

"Do not repay anyone evil for evil…Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:17, 21

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When you are _____ by people, be _____ not just _____

When you _____ with people, be _____ not just _____

When you _____ your faith with people, _____ them don't _____ them

When people are _____ to you, _____

Scripture: *1 Peter 2:17; Psalm 8:5; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 4:8; Galatians 6:7; Proverbs 15:23; Proverbs 15:4; Luke 6:31; Proverbs 16:21; Romans 14:12-13; James 3:16-17; Colossians 4:5-6; 1 Peter 3:15; Romans 12:17, 21*