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1 PETER 2:17

*"Love is ... not ... rude."*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-5 | NLT

*"Show proper respect to everyone."*

1 PETER 2:17 | NIV

### I. WHY TREAT EVERYONE WITH RESPECT?

#### 1. BECAUSE GOD **CREATED** EVERYBODY.

*"You (God) made them inferior only to yourself; you crowned them with glory and honor."*

PSALM 8:5 | GN

#### 2. BECAUSE JESUS **DIED** FOR EVERYONE.

*"God paid a ransom to save you ... He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ."*

1 PETER 1:18-19 | LB

#### 3. BECAUSE IT SHOWS THAT I AM A **CHRIST-FOLLOWER**.

*"If a person isn't loving and kind, it shows that he doesn't know God - for God is love."*

1 JOHN 4:8 | LB

#### 4. BECAUSE I'LL **GET BACK** WHAT I GIVE.

*"A man's harvest in life will depend entirely on what he sows."*

GALATIANS 6:7 | PH

## II. HOW TO SHOW RESPECT TO PEOPLE

### 1. WHEN YOU SPEAK TO PEOPLE ...

BE **TACTFUL** NOT JUST **TRUTHFUL**.

*"What a joy it is to find just the right word for just the right occasion!"*

PROVERBS 15:23 | GN

*"Kind words bring life, but cruel words crush your spirit."*

PROVERBS 15:4 | GN

### 2. WHEN YOU ARE SERVED BY PEOPLE ...

BE **UNDERSTANDING** NOT **DEMANDING**.

*"Do to others as you would have them do to you."*

LUKE 6:31 | NIV

*"A wise, mature person is known for his understanding. The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is."*

PROVERBS 16:21 | GN

### 3. WHEN YOU DISAGREE WITH PEOPLE ...

BE **GENTLE** NOT **JUDGMENTAL**.

*"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 | NIV

*"Where there is jealousy and selfishness, there is also disorder ...*

*But the wisdom from above is ... peaceful, gentle, and friendly ..."*

JAMES 3:16-17 | GN

#### 4. WHEN YOU SHARE YOUR FAITH WITH PEOPLE ...

**RESPECT THEM DON'T REJECT THEM.**

*"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 right do I have to pronounce judgment on unbelievers? That's God's responsibility ..."*  
1 CORINTHIANS 5:12 | TPT

*"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 | LB

#### 5. WHEN PEOPLE ARE RUDE TO YOU ...

**RESPOND KINDLY.**

*"Never pay back evil with more evil ... but conquer evil by doing good."*  
ROMANS 12:17, 21 | NLT

## **SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS**

- 1. What stood out to you most from Sunday's message, and why?**
- 2. Have you ever found yourself in a close working relationship with someone you didn't respect? How did you handle the situation? How do you show respect and honor to someone with views you don't value?**
- 3. As a group, read James 3:16-17. What is this verse saying to you and how have you seen this play out in your own life? Share examples of how jealousy and selfishness have led to disorder in your life.**
- 4. On a scale of 1 - 10, how kind and gentle are you as a whole? Share with the group how you can improve in that area.**
- 5. How is your week going? How can we pray for you tonight?**