**Respect**

Respect those who labor among you,

esteem them very highly in love because of their work.

Be at peace among yourselves.

*(1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)*

**Just as most issues are seldom black or white, so are most good solutions seldom black or white. Beware of the solution that requires one side to be totally the loser and the other side to be totally the winner. The reason there are two sides to begin with usually is because neither side has all the facts. Therefore, when the wise mediator effects a compromise, he is not acting from political motivation. Rather, he is acting from a deep sense of respect for the whole truth. (Stephen R. Schwambach)**

**Hagar: "I have great respect for women! It's important to give them their due respect!" Helga: "Here's the beer you barked for!" Hagar: "You took your sweet time bringing it! With all due respect!" *(Chris Browne, in Hagar comic strip)***

**I argue very well. Ask any of my remaining friends. I can win an argument on any topic. People know this and steer clear of me at parties. Often, as a sign of their great respect, they don't even invite me. *(Dave Barry, in Miami Herald)***

**Mother to daughter: “What kind of person is your new boyfriend? Is he respectable?” “Of course he is, Mom. He’s thrifty, doesn’t drink or smoke, has a very nice wife and three well-behaved children.” *(Lea Berner, in Reader’s Digest)***

**If a nation does maintain a strong respect for its parents, no matter what difficulties it may face, that nation ultimately survives. For example, the Chinese have had the longest continuous civilization of any peoples on the face of the earth. Few people have ever had to face a harder struggle for survival than the Chinese – famine, internal and external wars, revolution, and overpopulation. But through it all the Chinese have resolutely honored their parents. Even today it is so ingrained within their culture to be considered almost a religion. Perhaps nothing characterizes Chinese society more than the love Chinese parents have for their children and the deep respect children show toward elderly people. *(Richard Ames, in The Plain Truth magazine)***

**Teacher: "I'd like to create a classroom environment of mutual respect." Monty: "Then, Mrs. Trumbo, I'm sure you'll respect my need for about a twenty-minute nap." He wakes up in the Principal's office, who says to him: "Welcome back, Monty." Monty: "Hey, my seat's still warm." *(Todd Clark,***

***in Lola comic strip)***

**In the year 498 B.C., in the city of Chung-tu, a new Minister of Crime was appointed. Crime vanished overnight. Legend has it that nobody wanted to commit a crime because every man-jack in Chung-tu idolized the minister. The minister’s name was Confucius. *(Bernie Smith, in The Joy of Trivia, p. 46)***

**The Entertainment Software Association, a trade group for computer game makers, is teaching children as young as 5 about the evils of copyright piracy. The Motion Picture Association of America, meanwhile, has teamed with the Boy Scouts to offer a merit badge for respecting copyrights. *(Forbes, as it appeared in The Week magazine, December 7, 2007)***

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**There is one other reason for dressing well, namely that dogs respect it, and will not attack you in good clothes. *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

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**I respect faith, but doubt is what gives you an education. *(Wilson Mizner)***

**They’ve great respect for the dead in Hollywood, but none for the living. *(Errol Flynn)***

The cheapest and easiest thing in the world is to show your authority. You can show your authority till doomsday, and make people fear it, too; but you will never make them respect it. *(Henry Ford)*

Before Aretha Franklin flipped the script with her 1967 recording, Otis Redding's "Respect" was a song about a man pleading for some deference in his home. After Franklin sang it, adding the unforgettable bridge "R-E-S-P-E-C-T / Find out what it means to me," deference was the last thing it made anyone think of. Franklin never got a penny from the 7 million times her version of "Respect" was played on the radio; all the royalties went to Redding and his record label. But as with every song the "Queen of Soul" performed, Franklin's interpretation became the one we remember. "When Aretha sang it," recalled one musician who played with her, "that's the way it was sung by everybody after." "Respect" became the anthem for the emerging women's movement and the ascendant civil rights movement. Franklin gave it gospel euphoria, rhythm and blues sensuality, and the relentlessness of rock 'n' roll -- and all the pain of her own turbulent life. "If a song's about something I've experienced or that could've happened to me, it's good," Franklin said. "Because that's what soul is about -- just living and having to get along." *(The Week magazine, August 31, 2018)*

**The respect of those you respect is worth more than the applause of the multitude. *(Arnold Glasow, author)***

**God respects me when I work, but he loves me when I sing. *(Rabindranath Tagore)***

**We get into the habit of acquiescence and then we turn it into a virtue by calling it “good nature.” But it isn’t a virtue; it’s fear of being assertive, a fear of conflict. The ego grows on conflict. The stronger the ego gets, the more your self-respect grows. And the more self-respect you have, the more willing you will be to listen to your inner self. *(Dr. Alexander Reid Martin, in Reader’s Digest)***

**The way to procure insults is to submit to them. A man meets with no more respect then he exacts. *(William Hazlitt)***

**BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL: On the wall of his office hangs a testimonial of which Dr. William J. Settle, administrative coordinator of Los Angeles City Schools Specially Funded Programs, is very proud. It was presented to him by the student body cabinet of Jordan High school where, from 1964 to 1967, Dr. Settle served as principal. Hand set and printed by students, it praises Dr. Settle for his “sincere respect for the dignity of each student in a manner devoid of prejudice” and confers upon him the distinction of “Honorary Negro.” *(Morris Bender, in Catholic Digest)***

**The Japanese have a charming custom. Instead of honoring their great men with peerages or knighthoods, they give them the respectful title, "national human treasure." *(Yousuf Karsh, in Faces of Our Time)***

**I've always tried to meet people with respect, the way I wanted to be treated. I've always had the mentality that I never wanted to embarrass my parents. That fear is still in there. *(Derek Jeter, who credits his parents with helping him achieve an unblemished 20-year career in professional baseball)***

**We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect. *(Aldo Leopold, in A Sand County Almanac)***

**A sect in southern India, the Todas, pay deepest respect to one of their highest officials, the holy milkman, whose job it is to supervise the sacred dairy. He must be celibate, he can never cut his hair or clip his nails, and ordinary customers may approach him only on Mondays and Thursdays and never, NEVER, touch his person. That, apparently, would curdle the milk. *(Bernie Smith, in The Joy of Trivia, p. 20)***

**Helga says to her daughter: "When you get married you must always respect your mother-in-law. During her visits, make her feel like she's a member of your family. Let her do the washing and ironing." *(Chris Browne, in Hagar the Horrible comic strip)***

**Overheard: “If the younger generation knew just how much the older generation had to have on the ball just to be old, we’d get more respect. *(Robert Sylvester, Chicago Tribune-New York News Syndicate)***

**Among individuals, as among nations, peace is the respect of others' rights. *(Benito Juarez, Mexican statesman)***

**Respect is if you’re having a political argument with someone, just before you get to the point where you call them a fascist, you sort of step back and wonder how on earth they’ve ended up at this point of complete ignorance and stupidity. *(Thom Yorke, musician)***

**Good week for: British criminals, after officials at Her Majesty's prison in Birmingham announced that guards would henceforth be required to call prisoners by their first names and to knock before entering a cell, as part of a new "decency agenda" to improve prison morale. *(The Week magazine, December 7, 2007)***

**From the start of our marriage, my wife and I had one rule: We would always respect the other's privacy in the bathroom. And over the years, we honored that commitment. That is, until recently. I was sitting on the toilet when my wife barged in, shouting, "Honey, close your eyes. I have to get a towel!" *(Frank J. Petro-Roy, in Reader's Digest)***

**When we are nice to others, we generally lose all claim to their respect. *(Marcel Proust)***

**I'm not concerned with your liking or disliking me. All I ask is that you respect me as a human being. *(Jackie Robinson, Major League Baseball player, 1954)***

**Rodney Dangerfield still gets no respect. “I spent $400 for my kid to learn karate,” Rodney says. “Now he tells me to eat my vegetables.” *(Quoted by Don Freeman, in San Diego Union)***

The eight-year-old Albert Schweitzer was once persuaded by a friend to accompany him to catch birds. Not only did he refuse to shoot any birds but he also frightened them away to safety. He carried his maxim “reverence for life” to such extremes that even in the African bush when hammering pylons into the ground he would first check to make sure that no ants, beetles or other insects would be destroyed by his doing so. *(Peter Liefhebber, in Reader's Digest)*

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There are many things we can live without. Self-respect is not one of them. *(Vivian Gornick, critic)*

Self-respect cannot be hunted. It cannot be purchased. It is never for sale. It cannot be fabricated out of public relations. It comes to us when we are alone, in quiet moments, in quiet places, when we suddenly realize that, knowing the good, we have done it; knowing the beautiful, we have served it; knowing the truth, we have spoken it. *(A. Whitney Griswold)*

Establish . . . through every possible means, the self-respect of workers and make them feel they’re part of the team – not just numbers on a time clock. *(C. Donald Dallas)*

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**Recently, on a subway, I got up and gave my seat to a lady who was holding on to a strap. She was rather surprised and said to me, “Why did you do that?” Seeing that she was incapable of understanding a spiritual reason, I said to her, “Madam, I tell you, ever since I was a little boy, I have had an infinite respect for a woman with a strap in her hand.” *(Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, in Catholic Digest)***

Security guards ordered 50 students from a North Carolina middle-school choir visiting the 9/11 memorial in New York to stop singing the national anthem because singing is considered a "public demonstration" and requires a permit. "Some of the students were very upset," said their teacher, Martha Brown. "Singing was their way of showing respect." *(The Week magazine, May 6, 2016)*

You can tell all you need to about a society from how it treats animals and beaches. *(Frank Deford, in Sports Illustrated)*

**Margaret Thatcher ate Spam for Christmas dinner in 1943. Nikita Khrushchev credited it for keeping the Soviet army alive during World War II. Monty Python wrote a song about it. GIs in World War II joked that it was "ham that flunked its physical." Its manufacturer calls it "the Rodney Dangerfield of luncheon meat -- It don't get no respect." *(Jack Mingo, in How The Cadillac Got Its Fins, p. 109)***

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