



# Family Matters

## How To Build A Better Family



### #3 "Showing Respect" - Part 1

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (ERV)** Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, it does not brag, and it is not proud. Love is not rude, it is not selfish, and it cannot be made angry easily. Love does not remember wrongs done against it. Love is never happy when others do wrong, but it is always happy with the truth. Love never gives up on people. It never stops trusting, never loses hope, and never quits.

**Matthew 7:12 (NIV)** So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

**Romans 12:10 (GW)** Be devoted to each other like a loving family. Excel in showing respect for each other.

**Ephesians 5:33 (AMP)** However, each man among you [without exception] is to love his wife as his very own self [with behavior worthy of respect and esteem, always seeking the best for her with an attitude of lovingkindness], and the wife [must see to it] that she respects and delights in her husband [that she notices him and prefers him and treats him with loving concern, treasuring him, honoring him, and holding him dear].

**Ephesians 6:1-4 (GW)** Children, obey your parents because you are Christians. This is the right thing to do. "Honor your father and mother that everything may go well for you, and you may have a long life on earth." This is an important commandment with a promise. Fathers, don't make your children bitter about life. Instead, bring them up in Christian discipline and instruction.

#### 1. Respect for others begins with respect for \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_.

God respects:

- \_\_\_\_\_.

**Genesis 1:27 (NIV)** So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

**Psalms 139:13-17 (NLT)** You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before

a single day had passed. How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!

**Exodus 20:13 (NIV)** You shall not murder.

**Isaiah 44:24 (NIV)** This is what the LORD says—your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the LORD, the Maker of all things, who stretches out the heavens, who spreads out the earth by myself.

**John 3:16 (NIV)** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

● Your \_\_\_\_\_.

**Genesis 2:16-17 (NIV)** And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

**Deuteronomy 30:19 (NLT)** Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!

● Your \_\_\_\_\_.

**Jeremiah 1:4, 5 (NLT)** The LORD gave me this message: "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations."

**1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)** God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

● People who \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

**1 Samuel 2:30 (AMP)** Therefore the LORD God of Israel declares, "I did indeed say that your house and that of [Aaron] your father would walk [in priestly service] before Me forever." But now the LORD declares, "Far be it from Me—for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me will be insignificant and contemptible."

**John 12:26 (GW)** Those who serve me must follow me. My servants will be with me wherever I will be. If people serve me, the Father will honor them.

**2. Respect is something \_\_\_\_\_, and respect is something \_\_\_\_\_.**

**1 Peter 2:12 (NLT)** Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.

**Titus 2:1 (NLT)** As for you, Titus, promote the kind of living that reflects wholesome teaching.

Here are 10 keys to earning respect:

- Be an honest and sincere person.
- Do what you promise.
- Admit your mistakes and failures.
- Work hard.
- Be teachable.
- Demonstrate growth.
- Give more than you take.
- Be considerate.
- Help others succeed.
- Control your mind and mouth.

**1 Peter 3:15-16 (ERV)** But keep the Lord Christ holy in your hearts. Always be ready to answer everyone who asks you to explain about the hope you have. But answer them in a gentle way with respect. Keep your conscience clear. Then people will see the good way you live as followers of Christ, and those who say bad things about you will be ashamed of what they said.

**Luke 6:32-33 (NLT)** If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them! And if you do good only to those who do good to you, why should you get credit? Even sinners do that much!