

Write Upon My Heart
Respectfulness

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CHARACTER—WHAT IS IT?

What is character? Why do we say that one person has good character and another poor character, or that someone has character and someone else does not? What is being measured? It is not really a person's actions, for people often make mistakes acting in good faith, and we do not consider that bad character. No, it has to do with who a person is—or has become—by the *habits* that he or she has formed.

Good habits become good character, and bad habits become bad character; and yet character is not just the sum of one's habits. In many cases it has taken only a single bad habit to destroy a life. In other cases, just one outstanding good habit has prevented an otherwise mediocre life from totally crumbling. We cannot know which habit might be our most powerful support, or which might cause our complete downfall. So, the safest venture is to develop as many good habits or traits as we can, especially in areas displacing any habits that we have which may not be good.

It takes work to form habits, but the good news is that once they are formed they are a snap to keep, for then they come naturally to us! How nice it is to be so used to doing the right thing that we actually prefer to do it! *“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap,”* — Galatians 6:7. Develop good habits when you are young, and you will reap the benefits for all of your life.

Where can we look to find the best essence of good character? How about God's Word? It has the essence of everything good. Jesus was an example of perfect character. *“For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps,”* —1 Peter 2:21. As we study His life and God's Word, they will give us the guidelines by which to form our own habits and lives.

HABITS—WHAT ARE THEY?

Habits are those things that we do most naturally or instinctively—without having to make a decision, because the decision has been made enough times that we do not have to think about it any more. Things said and done by habit are

sometimes done without thinking.

For example, you do not contemplate whether or not to dress in the morning. You do it out of habit. If you brush your teeth every morning, you do not ask yourself if you should each day. You do it out of habit. Each good habit that we build—diligently—doing the best thing in an oft-repeated situation—is like a fence that we build between ourselves and some sort of heartbreak. However, it requires no effort to develop bad habits, and bad character is exactly what lack of effort becomes. So, a little work early in life can do much to prevent the manifold grief and loss encountered as a poorly formed character limps on through the years of life.

HABITS—THEY BEGIN IN THE HEART

“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he,” —Proverbs 23:7a. That means that we are what we think. We say what we think, and we do what we think. What determines what we think? We do. Why do we think the way that we do? We taught ourselves to think that way. Often when people say, “I really didn’t think about it,” they had already taught themselves exactly what to think about “it.”

Each thought makes a tiny connection in the brain like a thread. Each similar thought strengthens that connection by adding another thread. Eventually, the threads become great enough in number that they become a rope. Often a mind becomes bound by such a rope, whether it is a good rope or a bad rope. Habit begins to affect our thinking. We begin to do things almost automatically because what we think is what we will do.

It is important to form good habits *now*. Later may be too late. We are becoming *right now* what we are going to be. We are going to become what we are thinking *now*, because *“as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.”* Our thoughts are very powerful. We cannot touch them or see them, but nevertheless, they are very real. They are more powerful than our actions because they control our actions. However, we can decide what we think! We can make our thoughts subject to our will and the will of God. We have access to a power stronger than our thoughts—the power of God. He tells how to control our thoughts. *“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) casting down imaginations, and*

every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ,” —2 Corinthians 10:3-5.

So, why is it so important to form good habits early? Is not God powerful enough to break bad habits? Yes, He has the power to break any habit, but there are very many that He never breaks. The reason is that people grow to like their habits. They begin to hate the thought of breaking them—even the bad ones. People do not like change. The ropes that bind their minds are of their own making, and they are loath to give them up. How many drug addicts live absolutely horrid lives, bound to drugs from which they wish they were free, yet who will lie, cheat, steal, fight, and even kill to continue taking the drugs causing them so much misery? People grow to like their bad habits so much that they often will not let them go for what they wish they could have.

How do we learn not to like our bad habits? By learning to like new ones. Do what is right, and soon you will like doing it. There is a saying, “Your actions will determine your emotions.” We become comfortable with something only after we do it for a while. Another saying says, “Eat olives nine times and you will like them.” Proverbs 16:3 teaches, “*Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.*” Do you want to think rightly? Do you want to feel good doing right even if you do not like it right now? Just do it anyway! See how much it changes the way you think and feel. Replace bad habits and have good character by simply making new habits in place of the old ones!

Lastly, it is not enough to have good character. We can have the very best character, and yet become lost for eternity, for there are none who have not sinned. The Bible tells us that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ. Jesus paid the price for our debt of sin. Only by trusting Him will we see the Celestial City.

It is said that “character has its own reward,” and so it does. People with good character instinctively feel much better about themselves than people without it. This is a far better and happier way to live. However, this reward pales at the prospect of eternal reward. It is great to have character. But, remember, it is infinitely more rewarding to belong to Jesus, and have character for His glory.

Respectfulness

*If I feel drawn to the wealthy or smart,
If I shy away from the very old, sick, or poor,
If I prefer people for who they are or what they have,
If I prefer people who like me and can help me,
If I look up to, or down at, anyone,
I know nothing yet of respectfulness.*

We all know that we should have respect, but who and what shall we respect? You probably knew that it can be a sin when we do not give proper respect. But it is also a sin when we give respect wrongly. It is prudent to be properly respectful, and God's Word says that He blesses it. Just consider Exodus 20:12 which says, "*Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.*"

Yet Proverbs 24:23 says, "*These things also belong to the wise. It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment.*" So, sometimes we are to respect people, and sometimes we are not. What makes the difference? God's Word does. He tells us when and how to offer respect, and He will bless us when we give, or do not give respect, as long as we do it properly. Thus, it seems important that we learn how to be respectful, or to handle this thing called respect. Let's learn now, shall we?

LEARNING THE TRAIT



The word "respectful" comes from the word "respect" which means to honor, admire, obey, or to have a high opinion of someone. The first Someone in our lives most deserving of our respect is our Creator and Saviour. This means that all that we admire or of which we have a high opinion, will spring from Him and will be connected to His kingdom. To the Christian, this is where kingdoms count. Wealth, reputation, and high position are of this world—not His kingdom. He teaches us not to be respecters of persons, but to

respect all of those whom He has created. Look up the definitions of the following words using a dictionary, and write them in the space provided.

Respect (verb) _____

Honor (verb) _____

Esteem _____

Admiration _____

Appreciativeness _____

Reverence _____

Politeness _____



SCRIPTURE STUDY

Copy the following verse.

Psalms 119:6

What does this verse mean?

How can this verse be applied to your life?

BIBLE EXAMPLE



1. Read Luke 16:19-31.
2. Answer the following questions.
 - (1) Was the rich man well respected? Why?

- (2) Was Lazarus well respected? Why?

- (3) Why do we know that the rich man did not have respect to God's laws?

- (4) Why do we know that Lazarus must have had respect unto God's laws?

- (5) What was one law of God that we know from the story that the rich man did not respect?

(6) In the end, whom did God respect? Why?

(7) In the end, whom did God not respect? Why?

(8) What was the rich man's first request?

(9) Did God have respect unto his first request? Why?

(10) What was the rich man's second request?

(11) From the story, do you think that the rich man's family had respect unto the things of this world or God's kingdom? Explain your answer.

(12) Who is it wisest for us to respect in this life? Explain your answer.

(13) What lessons are there for you in this Bible example?



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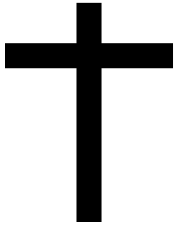
Respect the Little Words

*Words unkind seem little things,
But oh, fear to say them;
Once they fly on outward wings,
There's no pow'r can stay them.*

*O how much 'twill matter
What our words shall scatter.
May they scatter sunshine
everyday.*

Alice Cleator

MORE ABOUT JESUS



“And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.” —Matthew 26:39

Do you ever think about Who Jesus is? He is the great Creator of the universe, of our world, of mankind. He is all powerful, all knowing. He is the beginning and end. He is the strongest, wisest, and smartest Being. He is everywhere at one time. He is faster than the speed of light, faster than the fastest computer. He can hear thousands of people praying at one time, and answer all their prayers, and keep everything straight too! And, more than that, He is love. He loves us. He came to earth as the Lamb of God, to be sacrificed for our sins. He came as a man. He came, not because of us, but out of love and respect for His Father. He came willingly.

Jesus not only became a man out of respect for His Father, but being God, He also had respect unto all of His Father’s commandments. *“Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously,”* —1 Peter 2:23. Jesus was the highest example of what we are commanded to do regarding the respecting of our parents. *“Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee,”* —Deuteronomy 5:16.

Jesus came as a man—a poor man. He did not befriend the rich. He did not seek the famous. He did not act with respect unto His own glory, *“but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant,”* —Philippians 2:7. He came in obedience to His Father. He came to seek those who were willing to seek His Father. Those who respect things and people in this world do not seek the Father. It is not possible to do both. *“No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon,”* —Matthew 6:24. Jesus eschewed the things of this world, and came to serve the poor—those who do not associate with the things of this world. He preached, *“Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,”* —Matthew 5:3. He came to bring great blessing to the spirits of those who are not well associated with what most people see as the “good

things” of this life. He had respect for those who respected His Father.

1. Do the things of this world often seem to get more of your respect than the things of God? Explain your answer.

2. Would you rather be around popular or “special” people than poor people who could use a friend? What makes you feel this way?

3. What can you change to have more respect for the things of God?

4. How can you change your thoughts to think more as God would have you to think about people?

5. If you have the wrong kind of respect for worldly people and worldly things and worldly activities, how will you change your thoughts to reflect the proper respect?

STORY ABOUT RESPECTFULNESS—

The Indian Convert

It was the evening of a hot, glowing day in India, when the air seemed as if it were breathed from the mouth of a furnace. The young soldier, Walter, walked forth alone to a grove not far from his barracks. His soul was full of sadness, for he felt that evil companions and the temptations of a soldier's life had been gradually drawing him away from his God. Walter had not enough faith to keep him from sinning, but he had enough to keep him from feeling easy in sin.

The stillness of the hour and the solitude of the grove had a calming effect upon the mind of Walter. His thoughts went back to his mother's quiet grave beneath the yew tree in the village churchyard of dear old England. He remembered her last words to him as he stood by her bed, when her dim eye and ashen cheek showed that the hand of death was upon her: "We shall meet again in Heaven!" Would the dying hope of his parent be disappointed?

"Ah! If she had but known all the trials that would come upon me, and how everyone around me would try to draw me into evil, she would not have felt so sure of that meeting," was the painful reflection of Walter.

"What a quiet place this is! There's nothing stirring near me. One seems more close to God when there's nothing to remind one of man. I can't pray in the crowded barracks—I'm afraid of the jests and jeers. But here, with only the green branches and the blue sky above me—here I might pray, as I once used to pray at the knee of my mother!" And, yielding to a holy impulse, the young soldier lad knelt down, and repeated the simple prayer which he had learned when a little child.

"Oh, God! Wash away my sins in the blood of Thy dear Son, and give me a new, clean heart, filled with Thy Holy Spirit, for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ!"

"Ah, Roostum has found Him! Roostum has found Him!" exclaimed a voice in the Hindu language, which sounded so close to Walter, that, startled and confused, he sprang again to his feet.

A poor native, who had been stretched in the shade for sleep or rest, and who had lain so still that Walter had not been aware of his presence, now came forward with his hands pressed together, after the manner of the Hindus when they approach a superior with respect. His dark but handsome features were brightened

by an expression of joy, as he repeated, "Roostum has found Him!"

"What have you found?" inquired Walter, who had learned the language of India.

"Roostum has found a second white man who prays," replied the native. "The first showed me the pearl of great price, and then departed I know not whither, and I have long sought in vain for another who would teach me how to keep the great pearl."

"What pearl?" inquired Walter with curiosity, glancing at Roostum, whose dress, though faded and worn, showed him to have once belonged to an upper class of Hindus.

"The sahib (master) knows—the sahib possesses that pearl, or he would not have knelt down and prayed in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ."

"I do not understand you," said Walter.

Roostum fixed his large dark eyes on the young soldier with a look of surprise. He then replied: "Does not the sahib know the words of the Lord? *'The kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.'* Surely salvation is the goodly pearl, and blessed is he to whom it is granted!"

"Have you found it?" asked Walter with interest.

"The white teacher showed me where to find it," replied the native with emotion, "and since I have found it, I have locked it close in my heart. It is worth to me all that I have lost, for oh!" he added, tears rising into his eyes, "great to me was the cost of the pearl—Roostum had indeed to part with all ere he could buy it."

"Sit down beside me," said Walter kindly, "and tell me what made you a Christian, and what you have had to give up for the sake of your new faith."



The Hindu obeyed, seating himself on the ground, at the feet of the English soldier.

“Roostum,” he began, “had great respect—wealth in abundance—elephants, jewels, and gold. Roostum had a home and friends, brethren who honored him, a mother who loved him, and a wife yet more dear than a mother. Now, if his brother meet him, that brother will turn away; his tender mother has become a stranger to the voice of her son; his wife counts her husband as if he were already in his grave! Roostum has the utmost respect for Jesus, but no one has respect for Roostum any longer.

“I was even as my fathers,” pursued the Hindu, after a little pause, “and thought by pilgrimages, fastings, and alms, to please my idol gods, and gain a title to future joys. I heard that there would be great merit in making a pilgrimage to the distant shrine of an idol. Thither I resolved to travel, and, to make the merit greater, I vowed to make the journey on foot, though difficult and dangerous was the path to it over the mountains. I need not tell of the sufferings of that pilgrimage. Hundreds have died in attempting to make it, and perished miserably by the way. Before I could reach the shrine I fell sick, and fell exhausted on the mountain path. Of all the pilgrims going the same way, not one stopped to pity or to help me! Hunger and thirst were preying upon me; my tongue clave to the roof of my mouth. I longed in agony for a draught of water, but there was no one to give it unto me!

“As I was sinking into a deathlike trance, I was roused by a voice near me, and then a cup of delicious cold drink was offered to my burning lips! I drank it as if it were life, and opened my eyes and looked up, and saw a Feringhee Padre (English minister) bending over the poor Hindu with looks of pity and love!

“From that Feringhee—may God’s blessing be on him!—I received medicine for my sickness and food for my need. Yea, and what was more precious still, I received the medicine of truth for a sin-sick soul, and food for a hungry spirit! I heard the missionary preach to a crowd of pilgrims who gathered around him. He told us that Jesus Christ had come to save sinners—even the worst, and that the gates of Heaven might be thrown open wide to all who come to Him by faith. Oh, thought I, this is what I need—One Who can save to the uttermost—One Who can do for me what I have vainly tried to do for myself. I have trembled before my idols. I have tried to please them by offerings and penance, but I never till now heard of a God Who would be my Saviour and Friend.

“The missionary soon went on his way, and I never beheld him again. I shall see him and thank him one day when we meet in the courts of Heaven. I did not finish my pilgrimage—I cared not to visit the shrine. What I needed was some Christian teacher who could speak to me good words from God, and when I saw you praying on your knees, I thought that I had found what I sought—one who holds respect for the Saviour above all.”

Walter was ashamed when he remembered how unfit and unworthy he was to lead others in a path from which he had wandered himself. “Did you return to your home?” he inquired of the earnest Hindu convert.

The question brought a deep shade of sadness over the face of poor Roostum. He drooped his head on his breast, and a heavy sigh burst from his lips. “I returned,” he faltered, “but I found no home; there was no home for the Christian. My wife—my young, gentle wife—wept and prayed me to give up a faith that must divide us forever. Her tears had almost melted my resolve, but I lifted up my heart in prayer, and the Saviour strengthened my soul in the hour of temptation. I was turned away from my own door; it was hard to bear, hard to bear! I have given up all out of respect for my God, but you, oh, Christian, must know the bitterness of trials like these. To you also the words have been given: *‘He that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me—Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.’*”

“God have mercy on me, an unworthy sinner,” thought Walter, “and give me grace to serve Him in future with the love of this poor Hindu. I will do what I can for this faithful convert. It is little to what he has done for me. He has shown me that the Christian must be ready not only to serve his God, but, if needful, to suffer for Him too.”

Walter supplied the wants of poor Roostum, giving to him all the little money which he had about him, and which, but for their meeting, would but too probably have been spent on tobacco. Very gratefully was his kindness received. Roostum repeated the promise of the Lord: *“Whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.”*

And so they parted, the soldier and the convert going their separate ways, but each bound for the same blessed land. Walter returned to his barracks, strengthened to fight the good fight. He resisted the temptations which surrounded him, maintained

a good character in his regiment, and lived to return to his own dear country with a medal and clasps, and a pension. He learned that as he truly respected his God above the favor of those around him, that he actually rose in the respect of some of them. He found how true is God's holy Word: "*Godliness is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.*"

Roostum had a shorter trial, and soon entered into rest. Many friends were raised up to the Hindu, who had left all to follow his Lord. But it was not long that he needed the kindness of earthly friends, for before two years had passed he was called to inherit the crown which the Lord hath prepared for them that love Him. But to Roostum, before he died, was given the great joy of seeing his beloved young wife come to the knowledge of the Saviour, and of embracing in his arms a little son, whom he could call by a *Christian* name.

Dear young reader! Have *you* found "*the Pearl of great price,*" and is it indeed your own? Like Roostum, the Hindu convert, do you think the love of the Saviour more precious than all the world besides? Do you respect Him above all others? Are you, like Walter, ready to fight in His cause against *sin* and *self*? You are not called to leave a happy home, or to give up all you hold dear, but your faith must be shown in *obedience* and in a *holy life*. The unholy thought, the evil amusement, the favor of others, the pursuit of gain—these must be given up, however painful the sacrifice be. What have *you* ever parted with for Christ? To what proof of love can you point as a sign that you truly love and respect Him? Born in a Christian land, brought up to know and to love the Bible—oh, have your faith, your zeal, your love, been like those of the Hindu convert?

Answer the following questions concerning the story.

1. Walter was afraid to be a Christian in front of others. Explain why that is not having respect for God.

2. Do you think Roostum had respect unto God? Why? _____

3. How much do you think Roostum respected God? Why?

4. Why did it thrill Roostum's heart to hear Walter pray?

5. How did Roostum's concern for lost people show respect for them?

6. Why did Walter's fear (wrong respect) of others in the beginning not show true respect for others?

7. In the end, what changes did Roostum's respect for God cause in the lives of others?

"But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin," —James 2:9

Are You Partial?

In the Bible read James 2:1-9.

How does the writer describe the two men?

When we treat each man differently according to wealth or poverty, what are we having respect to?

What are we doing when we have that kind of respect?

When we do this, what are we doing to the name of Jesus Christ, by which we are called?

What kind of people do you think God has chosen to respect?

Explain what James 2:1-9 mean.

DIAGNOSE THE PROBLEM

Read the following example and answer the questions.

Choosing New Friends

Russell's family had moved. Actually, the neighborhood was somewhat nicer than the one in which they had lived before. Russell had met some of the boys in the neighborhood, and he was giving them some thought. His dad had taught him to be particular about the people with whom he kept company. There was Doug. Doug was quiet. His family seemed rather poor, and he did not seem to be popular, but he was honest and kind, and he was easy to spend time with and talk to. He also seemed to have a certain real respect for the things of God.

Then there was Bill. He seemed to be rather popular, but he was also loud and rude. His family was pretty well-to-do. They had horses, and Bill often invited his friends to go to the stables and ride. Russell thought that it would certainly be fun should he ever be invited. Bill also had parties now and then to which he invited his friends. These things made the idea of a friendship with Bill somewhat appealing to Russell.

One day Bill asked Russell to come over and play catch. Russell's chores were finished, so he said that he would be right over. As they were throwing the ball back and forth, Russell noticed that Doug, who lived only a few doors down, was sitting alone on his porch looking as if he were bored. Russell said, "Hey Bill, let's call Doug over to play too. He's sitting right over there on his porch."

However, he was surprised when Bill said, "No way. I don't like him anyhow. He's poor and dull."

Russell was embarrassed. They had talked loudly because they were pretty far apart while throwing. He thought that Doug must surely have heard what Bill said, and he felt badly for him. He wondered to himself, "What does being poor have to do with it? How would Bill treat me if I were poor? He certainly has no respect for poor people." Russell knew that Bill's attitude was wrong, because just that morning he had read in his Bible, "*And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him,*



Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool,” —James 2:3. He pondered whether this verse sort of fit Bill because Bill always seemed to be trying to be close friends with Ron, whose parents were very wealthy. He also remembered, *“But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors,”* —James 2:9. He wondered whether Bill knew about such things. But he wondered most, “What makes some people so rude to others?”

A few days later, Russell heard Bill say something rude to Doug again. Russell was busy delivering papers, so he did not hear it all, but Bill growled something about Doug’s “religion.” As he went on, Russell pondered what he had heard. He decided that he would not become very close with Bill because Russell did want to follow the Lord with all his heart, and Bill would be a certain temptation in that area.

But most importantly, Russell’s question was answered. He knew why people did not have respect for others. He quoted to himself the two great commandments, which he had memorized, *“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind . . . Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”* —Matthew 22:37-39. He realized that, after having the utmost respect for God, the next most important thing we are expected to do is have as much respect for others as we do for ourselves. Russell realized that Bill really could not obey the second commandment because he had never obeyed the commandment that comes first. He had no respect for God! He also then understood that people like Bill have no respect for themselves either, as he remembered another memorized verse—*“Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments,”* —Psalm 119:6. Russell felt a little ashamed that he had not taken a more active part on behalf of Doug when Bill was around.

Russell determined that he would not fall into the temptation that the apostle James had warned against in the Bible. He would not choose friends—or have respect—on the basis of the things of this world. He also determined that he would make his best effort to never treat Doug any differently than someone like Bill just because he was poor. In fact, he decided that he would work to become friends with Doug, while avoiding Bill, because Doug respected his Saviour, and was, therefore, worthy of Russell’s respect.

1. Why was Russell giving thought to the boys in his new neighborhood?

2. Why should Russell be particular when choosing his new friends?

3. What was Bill like?

4. What was Doug like?

5. Why did Russell decide not to become close friends with Bill?

6. What was Russell's answer to the question, "Why did people not have respect for others"?

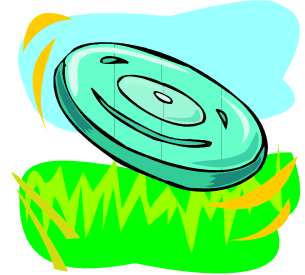
7. What did Russell determine to do in the way of making friends?

DIAGNOSE THE PROBLEM

Read the following example and answer the questions.

Pleasing Others

Sandy and Jill were playing with a frisbee in the front yard at Sandy’s house. Mrs. Moore, who lived across the street, stuck her head out her front door, and said, “Girls, be careful. Do not get near Mrs. Haley’s yard with your playing.” That was all she said, and she went back to her housework.



Jill was a little bit upset. She said, “Why can’t we play where we like? It’s not her yard. Why does she think that it’s her business where we play? I don’t think that is fair.”

Sandy thought about it for a moment. They had been studying about younger people and older people in her Bible lesson. She had memorized some verses. She remembered them. *“Rebuke not an elder; but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren; the elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity. Honour widows that are widows indeed.”* —1 Timothy 5:1-3.

Presently, Jill said, “Well, I’m not going to worry about the neighbor’s yard.”

But Sandy felt a little uncomfortable. And it wasn’t just the Scriptures that made her so. She said, “You know, Jill, now that I think about it, Mrs. Haley is awfully particular about her flower beds. Mrs. Moore is a good lady, and I think that she is just looking out for us. We can play this just as well in the backyard since there is even more room. And then we can be sure to please everyone. What do you say?”

“Well, if you put it that way, I guess it’s okay,” said Jill, and the girls had a good time while pleasing all people concerned.

1. Why was Jill upset?

2. Was her attitude respectful? Why not?

3. How should we treat others who are older than we are?

4. How should we treat others who are younger than we are?

5. Why is it important to think before we speak or act?



SCRIPTURE STUDY

Copy the following verse.
Psalm 119:15

What does this verse mean?

How can this verse be applied to your life?

INSTRUCTIONS IN RESPECTFULNESS

“I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.” —Psalm 119:15

“Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.” —Psalm 119:128

The word “respect” means to have a very high or special regard, to esteem very highly. Of course, we, as Christians, would think that we should esteem God above all. Also, that we would esteem His Word, the Bible, above all else. After all, He is God, Creator, Lord, Almighty, and Redeemer. He holds the keys to Heaven and hell. Our eternity is in His hands. This is what we say, but is it what our actions speak?

Every single time that we put another person before God, we are showing more respect for a human being—a creature—than for the Creator. Why would we do this? Every single time we break one of God’s laws, precepts, or commands, we are showing that we have respect for ourselves or others instead of for God.

When we lie, act mean or selfish, be rude or unkind, do wrong, or disobey, we are showing by our very actions that we do not respect God or His ways.

How to begin to be respectful toward God.

Jesus said in Matthew 10:28, *“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”* We need to fear God, and when people fear, they are more likely to have respect and be obedient.

Psalm 119:15 says, *“I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.”* We show respect for God by reading His Word, by meditating on it, and by having respect for everything His Word teaches. This takes time. How much time do you spend reading God’s Word? How much time do you spend thinking on it? What are your excuses for not doing so? Will God accept your excuses? When you don’t show respect by taking time and thought for God, what or who are you respecting instead of God?

“Have respect unto thy ways,” means that you pay attention to them. You obey them. You do not argue with them. You do not do something differently. You

obey! It is that simple.

“Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way,” —Psalm 119:128. This means that you highly respect *all* of God’s Word to be right concerning *all* things. All means all! Not some; not a few; but all! There is no room for debate or argument here. God says it; it is true; I obey it. Anything less is disrespect.

And notice the second half of the verse: it says that *“I hate every false way.”* Do you? Do you *hate* every way that is evil? Well, you might say that you don’t know what is good or evil. Your friends do this and that, and they say it is okay to read this, or watch that, or play this. Well, are you going to take your friends’ word as truth? Are you going to let your eternity rest in their knowledge? Or should you be reading, meditating, studying the Word of God? Whose word do you respect?

How to begin being respectful to your neighbor.

It is much easier to begin to respect our neighbor—neighbor meaning anyone else besides us—when we realize just who we are. We are just creatures made by God. We are made in His image, but we are made from the dust of the earth, and to dust our bodies will return. The Bible says in Psalm 103 that *“As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.”* We are here today, gone tomorrow. But look a little closer at this verse. Would one flower be better than another? Would one flower be more important than another? Would one flower lift up itself in power and authority over others? No, no, no. It blooms, fulfills its purpose, and then dies, and then a new crop of flowers comes up the next year.

Another verse is 1 Peter 1:24, *“For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away.”* Our lives are like a vapor—truly not so much longer than that of the grass and flowers. The only difference is the importance of our state when we wither and fall away. What will we be then? We will be known by what was in our hearts. What is in our hearts? It is that which God judges. Philippians 2:3-4 says, *“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.”* Is this what is in our hearts? Do we respect others and the

things of others better than ourselves and our own things? This is what God expects and requires—Respectfulness—of Himself and others.

You might say, “Some people I simply do not like at all. They do not deserve my respect.” This is not the way that God looks at things. According to the Bible, some people may not have very much deservedness of respect—that has to do with their lives. However, respectfulness has to do with our lives, and God’s Word teaches that we are to have compassionate respectfulness for everyone—which actually means *everyone*. Is that surprising? It shouldn’t be. You see, whatever a person does or does not do to earn respect, God requires respect from all of us for all His creation. What other people do has no bearing on what God requires of us.



SCRIPTURE STUDY

Read the following verses.

“So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spake. And he went up from thence unto Bethel: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head. And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.” —2 Kings 2:22-24

What do these verses mean?

How can these verses be applied to your life?

The Cost of Disrespect

To Bethel Elisha did walk,
The mantle of Elijah in his hand,
Of this he would not refuse to talk,
Seeing Elijah taken up in a whirlwind.

As he mused on heavenly things,
Children gathered by the way.
Their mocking taunts had a sting,
“Go up, thou bald head,” they chanted that day.

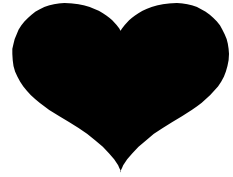
What little respect they did show,
For the servant of the God most high.
And in inflicting such a verbal blow,
It was God alone they did deny.

Grieved in spirit by the disrespect too,
In the name of the Lord, Elisha did curse them.
From the wood came she bears two,
Sent from the Father above in Heaven.

To teach respect to the insolent children,
The bears did the children catch and tear.
No more their chants so sullen,
Would the God most holy hear.

Nick Zakula

SEARCHING YOUR HEART



Answer the following questions.

1. Are there times when you do not like, or feel you need not be respectful of, certain other people? What are those times?

2. How would a respectful person handle the times when these feelings occur?

3. List three areas in your daily life where you lack respectfulness.

4. What changes do you need to make in these three areas?

5. Think about your spiritual life and how you are spiritually building your respectfulness. Are you spending time nourishing your spirit in the Bible and prayer every day? What things are you realizing in your heart about the way you respect God and others from your Bible reading and prayer?

STORY ABOUT RESPECTFULNESS—

The Difference

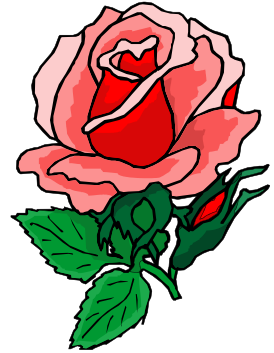
“What can be the difference between Martha and Susan Williamson?” asked old dame Phillips. “They are like as two cherries—the same rosy cheeks, the same height, the same hair. You could hardly know one from the other.”

“No wonder, for they are twins,” replied Widow Green.

“And yet, how is it that when one of them comes in, it seems as if a sunbeam were shining into the room, and, when the other is near, you would think that she brought the cold east wind with her?”

“One lives for others, and one for herself. That’s the difference between Martha and Susan,” said Mrs. Green, as she poured out her cup of tea.

“Ah! I often think that they are like two travelers walking through the world with baskets on their arms. Susan has respectfully filled her basket with roses, and wherever she goes the sweet smell and the pretty flowers make everyone around her glad. Martha has filled her basket with bold and impolite thorns. One fears to come near her for the prickles. She is scattering those thorns wherever she passes, and leaves pain behind her wherever she has been!”



“I pity the children when they are left to her care,” said the widow.

“Poor little lambs! They have their full share of the thorns. It is harsh words with Martha. And, as for poor Albert, with his weak ankles, he may walk on them till he drops before she will take the trouble to carry him one step—Why, here she is!” added the old woman, as Martha entered the house with a bold, careless air. Disregarding the fact that she was in someone else’s home, she left a wet trail into the room, for it was raining outside.

“Please close the door!” cried Widow Green. “We’ll catch our death of cold from that damp draft!”

“Oh, I’ll only be here for a minute,” answered Martha as she retraced her steps. “The weather is not all that bad.”

“I’d rather not chance it if you don’t mind,” replied the lady.

“Good day, Mrs. Phillips. I’ve come to borrow your warm new shawl. You see,” added Martha, seeing a look of reluctance on the face of the rheumatic invalid, “I’m going tomorrow in the steamer to Greenwich, and it will be so cold on the water.”

“Come tomorrow, then,” said the good-natured dame. “Why should I be all this cold evening without it?”

“Oh, it is not convenient to come tomorrow!” cried Martha. “I’m leaving early. You would not want me to have to get up extra early just to get it, would you? So please for it now—” and as she stepped carelessly forward to take the shawl from the shoulders of her shivering friend, she bumped the cup which Mrs. Phillips had just filled.

“Oh, dear!” stammered the lady.

“That was an awkward place for you to place your cup,” said Martha, not bothering to offer to clean up the spill.

Having got all she wanted, Martha turned to depart, but lingered for a few minutes to talk. “Ah, Mrs. Green, so your son has gone to sea, I hear.”

“Yes, he will be home tomorrow. How I long to see him!”

“You count your chickens before they hatch, madam. The wind is blowing mightily, to be sure. I could hardly get up the street. They say there has been a dreadful shipwreck off the Irish coast—everyone lost!” replied Martha.

Mrs. Green clasped her hands with a look of terror.

“I hope that the wind will have gone down before I start for Greenwich,” said Martha, as she bounced out of the room, forgetting again, of course, to close the door. She was gone, but her selfish lack of respect for others had left its thorns behind.

In a moment, a gentle tap was heard at the door which still stood ajar. “Come in,” said Mrs. Phillips, and the bright, kind face of Susan appeared.

“Good evening, Mrs. Phillips. I hope that you are feeling better. I have brought you a pair of mittens, which I have knitted for you, to keep your poor hands warm in this cold weather.”

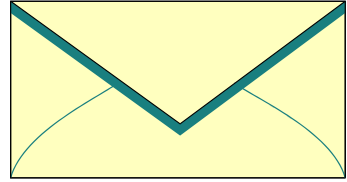
“Why, thank you so much, but watch your step,” said Mrs. Phillips as she began to rise looking at the water that Martha had tracked in on the floor, and the spill that accompanied it.

“Oh, just stay right there, and don’t trouble yourself, Mrs. Phillips,” said Susan

putting her hand on the tired elderly lady's shoulder. "I will run for a cloth and have this cleaned up in just a moment."

"Oh, you are so kind, Susan," the lady answered.

"And Mrs. Green, I'm so glad to see you," said Susan as she returned with the cloth, "and will you not be glad to see this?" she added, holding up a letter, and then placing it in the mother's trembling hand, with pleasure almost equal to her own.



"My son's handwriting!" exclaimed Mrs. Green. "How did you come by it, my dear?"

"I knew that you were anxious for letters, so I stepped round by the post office to ask if there were any for you."

"Bless you!" cried Mrs. Green. "You are always thinking of others before yourself."

When Susan entered the house, she had found gloom and anxiety there. Before she left it, there were bright looks and smiles of hope and gratitude. She had left the roses behind her.

And can you guess the secret cause of her kindness—of the constant, cheerful benevolence which made her welcome to all? Why was she so respectful of others? Why was she so respectful of the things of others? Why did she seem to live for others?—Because she respected and lived unto God! One sentence spoken by the blessed Saviour seemed ever present in her mind: "*Love one another as I have loved you,*" —John 15:12. She knew that the Lord Jesus had "*died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again,*" —2 Corinthians 5:15. According to the Word, her goal was to always "*in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others,*" —Philippians 2:3-4. God wants us to be respectful of others, but we can only truly do so as we are respectful of Him.

Oh! Dear reader, have you lived for yourself, or for your Lord? Are you scattering roses, or thorns?

On her way home, Susan overtook an aged woman, bent down with years, and yet more with trouble, to judge from her sad, hopeless face. She carried a large bundle, which seemed too much for her strength. Cold as was the weather, she

walked on but slowly, with a feeble, half-tottering step, often pausing, as though to take breath.

Susan paused, and her kind, pitying look seemed to encourage the poor old woman to address her.

“Could you, please, tell me the way to John Street, my dear? I am a stranger in London.”

“With pleasure,” replied Susan. “Let me see—the third turn to the left, then walk on till you come to a baker’s shop, then—”

“I shall never make it out,” said the old woman with a hopeless air.

“Well, then, I’ll go with you and show you the way. Don’t hurry yourself—you look feeble, and your bundle is heavy. Let me carry it for you—it would be a pleasure to me!” And she relieved the poor stranger of her burden as they passed through the cold, silent streets.

“You’re good, very good—” sighed the old woman, and she silently thanked God for the blessing He sent in the form of Susan. Oh, young reader, that each of us could be such a blessing as God could send to those who need it.

Answer the following questions concerning the story.

1. What is the difference between Martha and Susan?

2. With what had Martha filled her basket, and how did it make others feel?

3. With what had Susan filled her basket, and how did it make others feel?

4. When Martha visited Mrs. Phillips, how did she display a lack of respect for Mrs. Phillips and her property?

5. How did Susan's visit show her respect and concern for Mrs. Phillips?

6. What was the secret of Susan's kindness and respectfulness?

7. Are you living for yourself or for your Lord?

Little Lights

*I may be a light for Him,
Shining day by day,
Gleaming bright and never dim,
Guiding in His way.*

*If my light is bright and clear,
Someone else may see,
Learn to love my Saviour dear,
Strive a light to be.*

Elsie Vale



Courtesy Shows Respect for Others

Courtesy is the opposite of rudeness and disrespect is the opposite of respect. Thus, rudeness and disrespect go hand in hand, and courtesy and respect go hand in hand. Rudeness is defined as being ill-mannered or bad-mannered. So the remedy for bad manners is good manners.

You may think that manners is a boring subject, but this subject has great consequences. Many problems in people's lives, brother and sister problems, parent and child problems, employee and employer problems, employee and employee problems, and others are the result of little or no courtesy. The very foundation on which relationships are built is the manner in which we relate to one another. Here are some courtesy rules that show respect for others.

1. Don't answer an adult with a "yah." You show respect for adults by responding to questions with a "yes, sir, or yes, ma'm."
2. Never make faces, roll your eyes, or other rude behaviors when conversing with anyone. Keep an attentive, pleasant look on your face.
3. Do not interrupt during a conversation. Wait until there is an opening in the conversation for you to speak.
4. Instead of wanting to do most of the talking, learn to be a good listener. Being a good listener shows respect and shows that you are interested in what the other person has to say.
5. Don't whisper in front of others. This makes others feel that you disrespect and dislike them because you are sharing with others, and purposely excluding them.
6. Don't use bad words in your conversations. Always use proper English and concentrate on not saying anything to make the other person feel uncomfortable.
7. Don't laugh at others or make jokes about them. Be kind.
8. Don't criticize others. Find good words to say to them—encouraging words and friendly words.
9. Never gossip about anyone. If you can't say something good, then say nothing at all.
10. Don't eat in front of others. If you do not have enough to share, then wait until you are alone to eat.

DECISIONS TO MAKE

Decisions are choices that we make. We are responsible for them. We can blame no one else but ourselves when we make wrong decisions. Our aim or goal should be to make good, godly decisions. Won't you decide now to:



1. First and above all, respect God.
2. Respect your neighbor.
3. Respect your neighbor's property and belongings.
4. Assume that others are more important than you are.
5. Assume that the needs of others are greater than your own.
6. Go through life looking out for the other person.
7. Help all whom you possibly can.

<i>R</i>	<i>Returning good for evil</i>
<i>E</i>	<i>Easing others' burdens</i>
<i>S</i>	<i>Showing kindness</i>
<i>P</i>	<i>Putting others first</i>
<i>E</i>	<i>Esteeming others highly</i>
<i>C</i>	<i>Caring for others</i>
<i>T</i>	<i>Treating others well</i>

THINGS TO DO

It is one thing to study a character trait, learn definitions, and ponder Scriptures. It is another thing to put those ideas into action and make them a part of your life. Following is a list of things which you can do to build the habit of respectfulness in your life. Complete as many items as you can (no fewer than four) from the following list.

1. Pray and ask the Lord to show you in what areas you are not respectful. Make a list of these and rethink how you might show more respect in these areas. Have your parents help you, as others see our lack much more than we do.
2. Search the Bible to find six more verses to help you learn to be more respectful. Write them down.
3. Memorize four verses on respectfulness.
List references.
1) _____
2) _____
3) _____
4) _____
4. Write an essay on the topic of respectfulness to explain the importance of it in the Christian life.
5. Do two things to show respect for your grandparents.
6. Do two things to show respect for your neighbors.

Remember . . .

When you are frustrated and tempted to do wrong—

- ✓ Stop and pray.
- ✓ Remember that God sees.
- ✓ Remember others.

Always . . .

- ✓ Have respect unto God and His Word.
- ✓ Be respectful to others.
- ✓ Encourage and help others.

Do say . . .

- ✓ “I will respect God.”
- ✓ “I will respect my elders.”
- ✓ “I will respect all those whom God has created.”

Can you find these words in the puzzle?

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appreciative

civility

considerate

deferential

esteem

gracious

honor

humble

obeisant

polite

regardful

respect

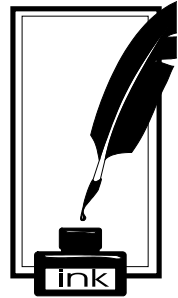
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KEEPING A JOURNAL

Many people say that it takes thirty days to create a habit, and that is just what we are trying to do—create the habit of respectfulness! The next thirty pages will be set aside to record your progress in making the character trait “Respectfulness” an integral part of *your* character. At the end of each day ask yourself the following questions, write down the answers, and anything additional concerning your “respectfulness” trait.



Following are a few *reminders* or *goals* to help you begin focusing on respectfulness each day.

1. Take a sheet of paper and write the word “respectfulness” in large letters and place it where you will see it the first thing in the morning when you awake.
2. Upon awakening and seeing the word “respectfulness,” say a prayer for God to help you to be respectful that day.
3. Purpose in your heart to try to keep your thoughts on God throughout the day. As you think of Him, it will be easier to have respect toward God and others.
4. Purpose in your heart to fear and respect God and those whom He created no matter what happens that day.
5. Using index cards or small sheets of paper, write the word “respectfulness” on them, and put them in places in the house where you will see them.
6. Place one of the cards in your Bible; place others in your schoolbooks or reading books.
7. At noon or lunchtime, go to your room and kneel down and pray, and ask God to continue to help you to be respectful.
8. At dinnertime, have another private prayer time with God, and ask for continued help in establishing the habit of respectfulness.



Day 1 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 2 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 3 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 4 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 5 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 6 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 7 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 8 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 9 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 10 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 11 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 12 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 13 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 14 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 15 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 16 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 17 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 18 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 19 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 20 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 21 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 22 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 23 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 24 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 25 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 26 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 27 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 28 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 29 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?

Day 30 Date _____

1. Was I respectful all day? _____
2. Was there any commandment or person that I disrespected? Who or what was it, and why did I do so?

3. What sin caused my lack of respect?

4. How was I respectful today?

5. What could I have done to be more respectful today?
