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GETTING BETTER AT LOVE by Dealing with Rudeness

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“Love is Not Rude.”

1 Corinthians 13:5 (NCV)

How to show respect to people:

1. When you speak to people...

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Be TACTFUL not just TRUTHFUL.

What a joy it is to find just the right word for just the right occasion! Proverbs 15:23 (GNT)

Kind words bring life but cruel words crush your spirit.
Proverbs 15:4 (GNT)

2. When you are served by people ...

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Be UNDERSTANDING not just DEMANDING.

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

*A wise, mature person is known for his understanding.
The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is.
Proverbs 16:21 (GNT)*

3. When you share your faith with people ... L - 1 2 3 4 5 - H

Be RESPECTFUL, don't REJECT THEM.

*5 Be wise in the way you act with those who are not believers. Use your time in the best way you can.
6 When you talk, you should always be kind and wise. Then you will be able to answer everyone in the way you should. Collosians 4:5-6*

2 More Points:

4. When you disagree with people ... L - 1 2 3 4 5 - H

Be GENTLE, not JUDGEMENTAL.

So then, every one of us will have to give an account of himself to God.¹³ Therefore, let's stop passing judgment on each other! Instead, make this one judgment – not to put a stumbling block or a snare in a brother's way. Romans 14:12-13

Two things to remember when I disagree with other people: 1) I need to realize that every one of us is going to give our own account to God someday; and 2) I'm not HIM.

Here is the key, we can disagree without becoming **disagreeable**.

16 Where there is jealousy and selfishness, there is also disorder and every kind of evil. 17 But the wisdom from above is pure first of all; it is also peaceful, gentle, and friendly; it is full of compassion and produces a harvest of good deeds; it is free from prejudice and hypocrisy.
James 3:16-17

“How does it feel to be a child of god and own slaves.” John Woolman

When we disagree with what we see in the world God wants us to be **tactfully bold**.

5. When people are rude to you ...

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- Some of us are confused into thinking that our rudeness is sometimes justified by the other person's actions.

When people are rude to you **RESPOND POLITELY**. This is responding in the **opposite spirit**.

Do not repay evil with evil. Overcome evil with good.
Romans 12:17

Will you join me in committing yourself to launching a war against rudeness?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Review all 5 points on How to show people respect. Rank them in order 1-5 on which you feel like you do best at and which you feel worst at.
2. Who do you find you struggle with most to show respect/rudeness the most in your life?
3. What are the conditions/circumstances in your life that make you more vulnerable to being rude?
4. Think through the people in your household/family and write names next to each of the 5 committing yourself to work at showing them greater respect.

5. What has the Holy Spirit spoken to you about through this presentation or discussion? (Thoughts/ideas/Promptings)



Close by praying for the group.

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