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# Learning Respect

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1. The english word “respect” (as we will dsicuss in these lessons) means “a feeling of great approval and liking” (Merriam-Webster Dictionary). What are some synonymns for resepect? (You can see many lists on-line, ask parents for permission and help).
2. Why do we respect others?
3. Why should we respect God?
4. What was the attitude of Noah (Hebrews 11:7)?
5. What was the attitude of Moses (Numbers 20:9–12)?
6. What was the attitude of Jesus (John 8:48–49)?
7. What should be our attitude?
  - A. Hebrews 12:28
  - B. 1 Timothy 1:17
  - C. 1 Timothy 6:16
  - D. Revelation 4:11; 5:12
  - E. Isaiah 17:7–8 (in context)
8. From the parable in Matthew 13:46...
  - A. What is the pearl?
  - B. Why should we value what God offers?
  - C. How does this relate to respect?

## Lesson 13 Respecting Yourself

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1. What are we to think about our abilities?
  - A. 1 Corinthians 12:27–30
  - B. Romans 12:3
  - C. Matthew 25:14–30
  - D. Galatians 6:3–5
2. What does hard work have to do with self respect?
  - A. 1 Thessalonians 4:11–12
  - B. Colossians 3:23; Ephesians 4:28
3. How are we to respect our body?
  - A. Ephesians 5:29
  - B. 1 Corinthians 6:15–20; 1 Thessalonians 4:4
  - C. Romans 12:1
4. What does God say is needed for us to respect ourselves?
  - A. 1 Kings 9:4–5
  - B. Job 4:6
  - C. Job 27:5
  - D. Proverbs 28:6
  - E. 1 Peter 2:2; Ephesians 4:13–15; Hebrews 6:1
  - F. 2 Timothy 2:22
  - G. Philippians 3:12

## Respecting God In Worship

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## Lesson 2

1. What has God always thought of and expected of man in worship?
  - A. Leviticus 26:2
  - B. Psalm 2:11
  - C. Psalm 50:23
2. What can be wrong about our reverence (Isaiah 29:13)?
3. What was God upset about in these passages?
  - A. Leviticus 10:1–3
  - B. 1 Samuel 2:27–30
  - C. Malachi 1:6 (How does this compare with the attitudes of others in Malachi 3:16?)
4. How do we honor God in worship?
  - A. Proverbs 3:9 (see also Hebrews 13:15)
  - B. Isaiah 58:13–14
  - C. John 4:24
5. How can our worship be wrong and unaccepted by God (Matthew 15:9)?
6. What will be done in heaven (Revelation 7:11)?
7. What kind of things can we do during worship that demonstrate we do not respect God?

1. What was the warning to the Israelites?
  - A. Deuteronomy 11:26–28
  - B. Deuteronomy 28:58–59
  - C. Malachi 2:2
2. What is God's attitude about our obedience (1 Samuel 15:22–23)? Why is it better?
3. What was the attitude of the apostles (Acts 5:29)? Please explain.
4. What attitudes should we have about obeying God?
  - A. Psalm 119:117
  - B. Psalm 119:128
  - C. Job 23:12; Psalm 119:11
5. How does our obedience honor God?
  - A. 1 John 5:2–3; John 14:15, 31; 2 John 1:6
  - B. 1 John 2:3–6
  - C. 1 Peter 2:12
6. What does it mean to *"approve the things that are excellent"* (Philippians 1:9–10)?
7. What does God promise to those who obey Him?
  - A. Acts 2:38
  - B. Hebrews 5:9; 1 John 2:17
  - C. John 9:31
  - D. Philippians 4:6–7

"Living together" while unmarried is sin. It is called "fornication" in Scripture (Hebrews 13:4). This lesson is about those who are married according to God's word.

1. How does a husband show respect for his wife?
  - A. 1 Peter 3:7
  - B. Ephesians 5:25, 28–29
2. How does a wife show respect for her husband?
  - A. 1 Peter 3:1–2
  - B. Ephesians 5:22–24, 33; Colossians 3:18
3. How do we hold marriage in honor (Hebrews 13:4)?
4. What does God say about adulterers (Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 6:9; Proverbs 6:32)?
5. What else is necessary for a good marriage?
  - A. 1 John 3:18
  - B. James 1:19
  - C. 1 Peter 3:8–12
  - D. Mark 10:9; Malachi 2:16
  - E. Proverbs 31:10–12
  - F. 1 Corinthians 7:32–34

## Lesson 11 Respecting Your Sweetheart

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In this lesson a “sweetheart” refers to a boyfriend or girlfriend with whom you are showing some interest in being around. This is more than just a normal friendship, but someone for whom there are feelings of love.

1. No matter what age you are when you have a sweetheart, what should your conduct be like (1 Timothy 4:12)? Which of these demonstrate respect for your sweetheart?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4–7. How does love show respect for your sweetheart?
3. How do we handle feelings?
  - A. How do we show concern for their feelings?
    - Ephesians 4:29
    - Matthew 7:12
  - B. How do we control our own feelings?
    - Colossians 3:8; Titus 2:8
    - Ephesians 4:25–27
4. How important is our clothing, especially with a sweetheart (1 Timothy 2:9; 1 Peter 3:3–4; Proverbs 7:10; Matthew 5:28)?
5. What importance should God’s word have in a relationship with a sweetheart (Proverbs 3:5–6)?
6. What rules should govern our conduct with a sweetheart?
  - A. Matthew 5:8
  - B. 1 Thessalonians 5:22
  - C. 1 Thessalonians 4:3

## Respecting Parents

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## Lesson 4

1. In the ten commandments, Exodus 20:12 says “*honor your father and mother.*” How do these other references help our understanding of what God wants?
  - A. Ephesians 6:1–2
  - B. Leviticus 19:3
  - C. Matthew 15:4; Mark 7:10
  - D. Matthew 19:19
2. Lessons from a 12 year old. READ Luke 2:41–52.
  - A. How did Mary think Jesus had treated her (2:48)?
  - B. How did Jesus respond (2:49)?
  - C. What was the reaction of His parents when they found Him at the temple (the beginning of 2:48)?
  - D. Did Jesus have a better understanding and know more about spiritual things than His parents?
  - E. If he did, what became His attitude toward His parents (2:51)?
3. What do these passages teach us about how to relate with our parents?
  - A. James 1:19–20
  - B. Proverbs 10:9; Revelation 21:8
  - C. Ephesians 4:32
  - D. Proverbs 6:6–11; Proverbs 13:4
  - E. Proverbs 19:20
4. How do we show our respect for our parents when we are adults?
  - A. 1 Timothy 5:4, 16
  - B. Mark 7:9–10
  - C. How did Jesus honor His mother (John 19:26–27)?

1. What are God's instructions to children?
  - A. Colossians 3:20
  - B. Ephesians 6:1 (What does "in the Lord" mean?)
2. What does God think of those who do not obey parents?
  - A. Romans 1:30
  - B. 2 Timothy 3:2
3. What can we learn from the Proverbs?
  - A. Proverbs 1:8
  - B. Proverbs 6:20
  - C. Proverbs 23:22
4. How did Jesus obey His parents?
  - A. John 2:5
  - B. Philippians 2:8
  - C. Hebrews 5:8
5. What is the connection between discipline and respect?
  - A. Ephesians 6:4
  - B. Hebrews 12:7–9
  - C. John 14:31
6. What should be our thinking when parents tell us about our other relationships?
  - A. Your parents think your friend is a bad influence (1 Corinthians 15:33) and you don't.
  - B. Abraham arranges for Rebekah to marry his son Isaac (Genesis 24). They had not even met.
  - C. Read 2 Corinthians 6:14. Why would parents sometimes forbid their child from dating someone else?

1. How did Christians treat the apostles (Acts 28:10)? Why?
  - A. 1 Timothy 5:17
  - B. Hebrews 13:17
  - C. 1 Thessalonians 5:12
  - D. 1 Peter 5:5
3. How do Christians demonstrate respect for each other?
  - A. Romans 12:10
  - B. Philippians 2:3
  - C. Ephesians 4:2
  - D. John 7:24
  - E. 1 Peter 3:8–12
4. Read Romans 14:1–23. What is taught in this chapter about how Christians show respect for each other?
5. How does the church show respect for a widow indeed (1 Timothy 5:5, 9–10)?

1. Make a short list of things you think demonstrates friendship.
2. What does the Bible say demonstrates friendship?
  - A. Proverbs 17:17
  - B. Proverbs 18:24
  - C. Philippians 2:3
  - D. Ecclesiastes 4:9–10
  - E. John 15:12
3. What can we do that demonstrates a lack of respect for our friend?
  - A. Proverbs 16:28; James 4:11
  - B. Proverbs 17:9
  - C. Leviticus 25:14
4. Explain the meaning of Proverbs 27:17.
5. How do the following passages teach us about how to behave with our friends?
  - A. John 15:15
  - B. Proverbs 27:6, 9
  - C. 1 Samuel 18:1–4; 19:1–2; 20:4, 42; 23:15–18; 2 Samuel 9:6–7

In this lesson “adults” refer to someone who is not involved in your life all the time. Think of the neighbor that lives four houses down from you. Generally, think of those who are older than you.

1. What is God’s expectations of the young toward the older?
  - A. Leviticus 19:32
  - B. Lamentations 4:16
  - C. 1 Peter 2:17
2. How do we show honor to those who are older?
  - A. Proverbs 2:2; 12:15; Job 12:12; Job 32:4; Deuteronomy 32:7
  - B. Psalm 71:18; Exodus 10:2
  - C. James 1:27; Hebrews 13:16
3. Even for a man who is preaching, what is to be his attitude toward those who are older than him (1 Timothy 5:1–3)?
4. Explain the meaning of Proverbs 20:29 *“The glory of young men is their strength, And the honor of old men is their gray hair.”*
5. Why should we not make fun of older people or speak poorly of them?
  - A. Matthew 7:3–5
  - B. Ecclesiastes 12:2–4
  - C. Psalm 90:12; Ecclesiastes 7:2
6. How might the attitude of the young need to change?



1. What responsibilities does God give us toward those in authority in our society?
  - A. Titus 3:1
  - B. 1 Peter 2:13–17
  - C. 1 Timothy 2:1–2
2. Read Romans 13:1–7. Tell how this passage applies to the following authority figures in our lives.
  - A. Government (including paying taxes)
  - B. Police Officers
  - C. School teachers and principals (see Luke 6:40; Proverbs 10:20)
  - D. The teacher in your hobby (sports, music, horseback riding, etc).
3. How does Nehemiah respect the King (Nehemiah 2:1–8)?
4. Those in authority in the first century were not righteous. How did Jesus demonstrate respect for those in authority?
  - A. Matthew 22:21; 17:24–27
  - B. Matthew 26:62–68
  - C. John 9:9–11
5. What should be our attitude if we do not like or agree with those in authority over us? Read 1 Timothy 6:1–2 and apply it to the following relationships.
  - A. Slaves toward their masters.
  - B. Employees toward their boss.
  - C. Citizens toward their Mayor/Governor/President.

1. **Read about David and his brother** in 1 Samuel 17:12–19, 26–30.
  - A. Tell what is wrong with the attitude of Eliab.
  - B. With David going on to become the great king, what does this passage teach us about how to treat a younger sibling?
2. **Read about Jacob and Esau** in Genesis 25:29–34; 27:30–41.
  - A. What wrong attitudes contributed to their problems as siblings?
  - B. What were the results of their mistreating each other?
3. **Read about Joseph and brothers** in Genesis 37.
  - A. What was the reason for the trouble between Joseph and his brothers? What attitudes are wrong?
  - B. From Genesis 45 (when Joseph revealed himself to his brothers), what good attitudes can be seen (45:5, 11, 14–15, 24)?
4. The following passages are about brothers and sisters in Christ. How can they help us with our physical siblings?
  - A. Galatians 5:26
  - B. 1 Peter 4:8–10
  - C. Ephesians 4:32
  - D. Philippians 2:3–4
  - E. 1 Corinthians 13:4–7
  - F. Romans 12:10–11