

Upcoming Events
Wednesday evening Bible study
7:00 P.M.

Meet Up Open Bible Study:
For study subject and location: see church website

Final Memory Verse Class
Today at 2:30 p.m.

Thanks to our Speaker
Jack Wright

March Birthdays

8 Drina Zamarripa. 18 Buddy Cashion
28 Sandra Jones 30 Barrett Hoffman

March Anniversaries

6 Harold & Dortha Gentry

April Birthdays

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Respect for Each Other

By Dan Jenkins

Our nation has changed in so many ways, and this is so evident in the respect we have for each other. This is reflected in the way we sometimes speak to others. Since the words which come from our lips show what is in our hearts, to solve the problem we need to change the way we see each other. Jesus said, *“For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks”* (Matthew 12:34). The way we talk to each other should be that which edifies and builds up, and imparts *“...grace to the hearers”* (Ephesians 4:29). How should we regard others as we speak with them? How do we show our respect for them?

Paul’s instruction to young Timothy illustrates the attitude of respect which should characterize each of us. Evidently, Timothy was faced with rebuking older men who were Christians and needed to make changes in their lives. Paul said, *“Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father”* (1 Timothy 5:1). The Greek word for “rebuke” in this passage literally means “to pound, to flatten, to strike with blows.” There is never a time for young men to look at older individuals and treat with disdain. Yet, so often in our day the respect for those who are older no longer exists.

Look at how the Holy Spirit of God described for this young man to deal with those older men in his world. There is never a time for harsh words from arrogant hearts to berate anyone. Paul told this young man to speak to those older as he would his own father.

Paul then turned his attention to the way Timothy was to speak to those near his own age or even younger. How should young men

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treat their peers? Deal with them as we would deal with our own brother. The term “brotherly love” says so much about the respect we must have for each other (Romans 12:10; Hebrews 13:1; 2 Peter 1:7).

How should Timothy treat older women? Paul says he should have the same respect he gives his own mother (1 Timothy 5:2). That special place mothers have in our hearts reflects the attitude we need to have toward all older women.

Finally, Paul discusses the respect young men should have toward young women. They should be treated as sisters with all purity. Barnes’ commentary says it this way, “He was therefore to guard his heart with more than common vigilance in such circumstances and was to indulge in no word or look or action which could be by any possibility construed as manifesting an improper state of feeling.”

Take time to apply these principles to every relationship and the respect we should have for each other. Respect everyone, older and younger, with the dignity God sees in them. It might not change the world, but it will change ours!

None Like Him

By Joe Slater

Some people just naturally stand out from the rest. Of three individuals the Bible says there was “none like him.”

When Israel clamored for a king so they could be like the nations around them, God reluctantly gave them Saul, the son of Kish. The prophet Samuel anointed Saul and asked Israel, “*Do you see him whom the Lord has chosen, that there is no one like him among all the people?*” (1 Samuel 10:24). What was so special about Saul? “*When he stood among the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward*” (10:23)

Unfortunately, his fine physique didn’t make Saul a good king. He started out well but came to a disastrous end.

Hezekiah, unlike Saul, was renowned not for his good looks, but his godliness. “*He trusted in the Lord God of Israel, so that after him was none like him among the kings of Judah, nor who were before him*” (2 Kings 18:5). Hezekiah had inherited a kingdom mired down in the idolatry and immorality of his father, Ahaz. Despite his youth and regardless of the difficulty, Hezekiah instituted sweeping reforms to bring Judah closer to God.

Even better than Hezekiah was the patriarch Job. God Himself said of him, “*There is none like him on the earth*” (Job 1:8a). What made him so exceptional? The Lord said he was “*a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil*” (1:8b). Job’s conduct was such that no one could successfully find fault with him. (His friends tried but failed miserably!) Job’s reverence for God led him to shun wickedness.

Christians ought to stand out from the world. We may not have marvelous physiques, nor should that be our concern. Let us trust in the Lord like Hezekiah! Let us strive to be blameless and upright, reverencing God and shunning evil! May God say of us, “There is none like them!”

Scriptures About How to Treat One Another

“Treat people the same way you want them to treat you”.

Luke 6:31

“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves.” Philippians 2:3

“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor.” Romans 12:10