

# **The Disrespect Conundrum**

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May this Christian writing on disrespect and respect stir you to a closer walk with the Lord.  
“...God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.” James 4:6.

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## The Disrespect Conundrum

I am reminded of an interesting phenomenon in today's world, especially among the youth culture, that being what I call "The Disrespect Conundrum." It is where people get offended so easily at the lack of "respect" that they perceive someone is showing them, yet they often refuse to respect others, including their elders.

This lack of respect in our culture is perceived as a "measuring stick" by which they decide whether to attack or fight against someone. This has gotten into our culture today through gangs, and movies and entertainment which promote this "gang think mentality." The respect, or lack of respect, that one shows to another somehow is the new "measuring stick" whether you allow someone to live or die, whether you provoke someone or not.

Too many people today get so easily offended by other people. They allow themselves to fall into the trap of thinking that the world revolves around them, and is here to please or pleasure them. Anyone who refuses to "respect" them the way they feel they should be "respected", is seen to be challenging their very existence as "a god" and as the "center of the universe." Many people might not be aware that they are "disrespecting" you, but if you perceive, or feel, you are being disrespected, you might act in a very unwise manner back to an unsuspecting person. Hence, we have in the victim's eyes what we call "random acts of violence."

These acts may not all be as random as we are led to believe. If you look at someone wrong, are dressed in a way that offends someone, or "cut them off" while driving on a highway, you might be getting ready to be retaliated against by that person. Many unsuspecting people have been killed, hurt or robbed due to this root cause of someone perceiving that they have been shown "disrespect."

We have to go back to our foundational roots and stop allowing ourselves to perceive that we have been disrespected. We need to get over any past hurts, whether real or imagined, and stop getting offended so easily by the actions of others. This includes racial division, and any other kind of mentality where we go about "putting others down" and disrespecting them. Any time that we use a paintbrush to judge a group or race of people, we err seriously. We are not to be the judge of our neighbors, but rather to be a good example of Christ's love to all people. How can we demonstrate love, when we are attacking or judging others?

The only real way for all of us to live properly, is for us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. This principle is clearly expounded in the Holy Bible, and we would do well to observe this, by putting it into practice regularly in our lives. Avoid all appearance of pride, glamorizing beauty, gossip, and false modesty.

We need to stop getting offended, and stop perceiving offenses, from others. The enemy is using this "disrespect" issue and is "blowing it out of proportion" in perceived importance. We need to recognize that disrespect is being used to tear apart the very fabric of our morals and our society.

We need to flee from the various forms of pride, and respect God, ourselves, and our fellow man properly. Only when we learn to treat God and others properly, will we find true satisfaction in life. We change the world for the better one person at a time, by showing one action of respect at a time. Respect serves to encourage others, while disrespect tears down, upsets, and discourages others. Let us be encouragers!

"Though the LORD *be* high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off." Psalm 138:6.