Teaching Our Children Respect: Why?

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INTRODUCTION

- As they left, the first question to come to my mind was, who's in charge?
- Respect needs to rank as one of those key values that we labor to get into the minds of our children.

1 Why It Is So Important to Learn Respect

Ephesians 6:1–4; Leviticus 19:32; 1 Timothy 5:17

- I need to get that message across because it's one of the things that God expects parents to instill within their children.
- But bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
- We need to be teaching our children respect because it is so essential for their future happiness.
- A disrespectful child at eight is irritating. At eighteen, he's a tragedy.
- Respect for God begins with what children learn about respecting their parents at home.

2 Teach Respect by Showing Respect to Them

- We teach our children respect, number one, by showing respect to them.
- Our children learn far more from what we do even than from what we say.
- We need to treat our children like they're valuable and worthy of our esteem and consideration.
- Sometimes we need to take a child's feelings into account and stop and take the time to explain why.

3 Showing Respect to Others Ourselves

Ephesians 4:26

- Husbands and wives need to treat each other respectfully, particularly in front of their children.
- Paul warned us in Ephesians 4 and verse 26 to be angry… and yet do not sin, do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity.
- We need to show respect toward our own parents and even our in-laws.
- If we want our children to respect others, older people, then we must treat them respectfully, keeping in mind that what we do carries a whole lot more weight than what we say.

4 Insist That Our Children Treat Us Respectfully

- We need to insist that our children treat us respectfully.
- If we want our children to learn respect, it begins with the way they treat us at home.
- Don't allow your child to defiantly say no to your instruction without some serious consequence.
- If you give an instruction to your child and he ignores you, folks, that's a call to action.

5 Teach Our Children to Respect Our Word

- That little girl learned that mommy doesn't mean what she says.
- When we speak, our children need to know that we mean what we say.
- We also need to keep our word on the positive side as well. When we promise to do something, we need to do it.

6 Teach Our Children to Be Courteous and Mannerly

- Courtesy and respect, I think, go in hand in hand.
- Respect ultimately is caring about the feelings of other people, treating them with esteem and value.
- Specifically insist that children say please and thank you and don't give in until they do.
- And most important is to be absolutely consistent in doing that.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Do you respect God's word? Do you honor and value and esteem what he says? Then show that tonight by responding to Him.**

MY NOTES