

BEST QUOTES ON RESPECT

Mummy herself has told us that she looked upon us more as her friends than her daughters. Now that is all very fine, but still, a friend can't take a mother's place. I need my mother as an example which I can follow. I want to be able to respect her.

—Anne Frank

If you have some respect for people as they are, you can be more effective in helping them to become better than they are.

--John W. Gardner

Respect yourself enough to walk away from anything that no longer serves you, grows you or makes you happy.

—Robert Tew

I can't control your behavior; nor do I want that burden...but I will not apologize for refusing to be disrespected, to be lied to, or to be mistreated. I have standards; step up or step out.

—Seve Maraboli

If you have children, remember this: When you finish with them, the rest of the world has to live with them, so please teach them respect.

—Unknown

Tolerance implies a respect for another person, not because he is wrong or even because he is right, but because he is human.

--John Cogley

He that will have his son have a respect for him and his orders, must himself have a great reverence for his son.

--John Locke

You are not entitled to respect—you earn it.

—Unknown

Respect is taught at home. If your kid is a disrespectful bastard, it's your fault. Not society's or a video game's fault. Yours.

—George Carlin

An excellent plumber is infinitely more admirable than an incompetent philosopher. The society which scorns excellence in plumbing because plumbing is a humble activity and tolerates shoddiness in philosophy because it is an exalted activity will have neither good plumbing nor good philosophy. Neither its pipes nor its theories will hold water.

--John W. Gardner

RESPECT

Rules that we should live by
are simple and direct
and one of them is treating
other people with respect.

And even though we disagree
on many things it's true.
We have no right to interfere
with what they say or do.

--Carolyn Jacks

I had learned to respect the intelligence, integrity, creativity and capacity for deep thought and hard work latent somewhere in every child; they had learned that I differed from them only in years and experience, and that as I, an ordinary human being, loved and respected them, I expected payment in kind.

--Sybil Marshall on Her
Career as a
Teacher

Nothing is more despicable than respect based on fear.

--Albert Camus

If you want to be respected, you must respect yourself.

--Spanish Proverb

Respect a man. He will do the more.

--James Howell

Respect means love.

--Seneca

What we respect we always do, but what we do not respect we ignore.

--Plato

We seldom respect ourselves enough.

--Quintillion

It is difficult to like those who we do not esteem; but it is no less so to like those whom we esteem more than ourselves.

--La Rochefoucauld

Without feelings of respect, what is there to distinguish men from beasts?

--Confucius

The Porcupine, whom one must Handle, gloved,
May be respected, but is never Loved.

--Arthur Guiterman

Man is still a savage to the extent that he has little respect for anything that cannot hurt him.

--Edgar Watson Howe

We are offended and resent it when people do not respect us; and yet no man, deep down in the privacy of his heart, has any considerable respect for himself.

--Mark Twain

Respect yourself if you would have others respect you.

--Baltasar Gracian

Civilization ceases when we no longer respect and no longer put into their correct places the fundamental values, such as work, family and country; such as the individual, honor and religion.

--R. P. Lebret

Respect is love in plain clothes.

--Frankie Byrne

Show respect for one another. For while feelings fluctuate, respect can remain a constant.

--J. Donald Walters

If you respect yourself, it's easier to respect other people.

--John Singleton

I never cared about acceptance as much as I cared about respect.

--Jackie Robinson

If we were all determined to be the first violin we should never have an ensemble. Therefore, respect every musician in his proper place.

--Robert Shuman

Respect gods before demi-gods, heroes before men, and first among men your parents; but respect yourself most of all.

--Pythagoras

Men are respectable only as they respect.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

All the value of education rests in respect for the physical, intellectual, and moral will of the child.

--Francisco Ferrer

A woman takes off her claim to respect along with her garments.

--Herodotus

I think that we should be men first, and subjects afterward. It is not desirable to cultivate a respect for the law, so much as for the right.

--Henry David Thoreau

There exist only three beings worthy of respect: the priest, the soldier, the poet. To know, to kill, to create.

--Charles Baudelaire

A man's real life is that accorded to him in the thoughts of other men by reason of respect or natural love.

--Joseph Conrad

That long (Canadian) frontier from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans, guarded only by neighborly respect and honorable obligations, is an example to every country and a pattern for the future of the world.

--Sir Winston Churchill

Respect for the fragility and importance of an individual life is still the first mark of the educated man.

--Norman Cousins

Genius is entitled to respect only when it promotes the peace and improves the happiness of mankind.

--Lord Essex

You cannot love without respecting.

--Greg Henry Quinn

Elicit commitment and respect, and you will own obedience.

--Greg Henry Quinn

Respect for others is born of self-respect.

--Greg Henry Quinn

Courtesy is the stepladder to respect.

--Greg Henry Quinn

Civilization is a method of living, an attitude of equal respect for all men.

--Jane Addams

When students are taught self-respect and respect for others they can be shown how to change mismanaged anger into self-control. They learn the power of choice.

--Judson Hixson

My ideas on teaching and learning focus on small 'd' democratic values, by which I mean a respect for diversity, a respect for the potential of each individual person, a respect for opposing points of view, and a respect for considerable intellectual vigor.

--Deborah Willen Meier

There is a secret pride in every human heart that revolts at tyranny. You may order and drive an individual, but you cannot make him respect you.

--William Hazlitt

He that respects himself is safe from others; He wears a coat of mail that none can pierce.

--Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow

One of the surprising things in this world is the respect a worthless man has for himself.

--Ed Howe

There was no respect for youth when I was young, and now that I am old, there is no respect for age—I missed it coming and going.

--J. B. Priestly

I must respect the opinions of others even if I disagree with them.

--Herbert Henry Lehman

I don't know what a scoundrel is like, but I know what a respectable man is like, and it's enough to make one's flesh creep.

--J. M. De Maistre

What people say behind your back is your standing in the community.

--Ed Howe

Gain respect through knowledge and gentleness of speech and conduct.

--Sacred Wisdom of
Ancient Egypt

Deal with yourself as an individual worthy of respect, and make everyone else deal with you the same way. College is a little like playing grown-up. Practice what you want to be. You have been telling your parents you are grown. Now is your chance to act like it.

--Nikki Giovanni

Respect is not fear and awe; it...is the ability to see a person as he is, to be aware of his unique individuality. Respect, thus, implies the absence of exploitation. I want the loved person to grow and unfold for his own sake, and in his own ways, and not for the purpose of serving me.

--Erich Fromm

If fortune wishes to make man respectable, she gives him virtues; if she wishes to make him respected, she gives him success.

—Joseph Joubert

I want to be worthy of respect because I excel at what I do.

--Hilary Lindh

Respect others if you want to be respected.

--Philippine Proverb

My father believed you could learn from a farm worker or a president—and you should respect both equally.

--Blandina Cardenas
Ramirez

You have to demand respect in this world, ain't nobody gonna hand it to you. How you carry yourself, what you stand for—that's how you gain respect.

--Mildred D. Taylor

Your job gives you authority. Your behavior earns you respect.

--Irwin Federman

Respect. Learning how to respect begins with learning how to listen. Listening begins with being tolerant of what we hear. Learning tolerance teaches us how to understand. Understanding allows us to learn how to care. Caring means we've learned how to respect. Just like a toddler, we take one step at a time. Just like a puzzle, we find one piece at a time. Just like building a bridge, we connect one section at a time. So learning respect is just how I said, it's one step, one piece, one section at a time, but the finished product can make the world safe from all the wars and destruction of human kind. Because we have listened, because we were tolerant, because we understood, because we cared, we learned to respect and we created a world to care for all of mankind.

--Andrew Terr Bush,
Age 10

If I despised myself, it would be no compensation if everyone saluted me, and if I respect myself, it does not trouble me if others hold me lightly.

--Max Nordau

Others will treat you with the amount of respect you feel you deserve.

--Marie Hackett

Respect for other people's rights leads to peace.

--Benito Juarez

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Some people have so much respect for their superiors they have none left for themselves.

--Peter McArthur

Everyone should be respected as an individual, but no one idolized.

--Albert Einstein

The secret of education lies in respecting the pupil.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

You've gotta be able to come home and explain to your kids what you did that day, without shading it or hiding it. If you find yourself finding a clever way of (talking) to your kids that really doesn't tell the truth but gets you through the answer, what kind of person are you if you want to do that? And there's also the...validation of people you respect.

--Michael Bloomberg

To be trusted is a greater compliment than to be loved.

--George Macdonald

You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something in your life.

--Sir Winston Churchill

A child who is allowed to be disrespectful to his parents will not have true respect for anyone.

--Billy Graham

Respect was invented to cover the empty place where love should be.

—Leo Tolstoy

Self-respect is the root of discipline: the sense of dignity grows with the ability to say no to oneself.

—Abraham Joshua
Heschel

One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say.

—Bryant McGill

If you lead through fear you will have little to respect; but if you lead through respect, you will have little to fear.

—Unknown

In order to be a good leader, you must earn the respect of the people you're working with. It's difficult for people to achieve a goal if they can't believe in the person leading them.

—Linda Vali

No one is happy unless he respects himself.

—Jean-Jacques Rousseau

Respect people with less power than you. I don't care if you're the most powerful cat in the room, I will judge you on how you treat the least powerful. So there.

—Tim Minchin

Respect the child.

Be not too much his parent.

Trespass not on his solitude.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

It is better to bind your children to you by a feeling of respect, and by gentleness, than by fear.

—Terence

The notion that parents are entitled to respect simply because they are parents is preposterous. The stream of obligation runs strongly the other way. A child owes its parents no gratitude whatever for bringing him into the world (as Swift sardonically said, while they were thinking of something else).

--John Macy

Few parents nowadays pay any regard to what their children say to them. The old-fashioned respect for the young is fast dying.

--Oscar Wilde

The final test of a gentleman is his respect of those who can be of no possible service to him.

—William Lyon Phelps

Never respect men merely for their riches, but rather for their philanthropy; we do not value the sun for its height, but for its use.

—Gamaliel Bailey

Seek respect, not attention. It lasts longer.

—Ziad Abdelnour

No one drops out of something that is rational, enjoyable and through which they grow, progress, and gain respect.

--Ralph E. Robinson

Our high respect for a well-read man is praise enough of literature.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

I would rather see the United States respected than loved by other nations.

—Henry Cabot Lodge

Never esteem men on account of their riches or their station. Respect goodness, find it where you may.

—William Cobbett

Go into the street, and give one man a lecture on morality, and another a shilling, and see which will respect you most.

--Dr. Samuel Johnson

The surest way to gain respect is to earn it by conduct.

--Unknown

The first of all laws is to respect the laws: the severity of penalties is only a vain resource, invented by little minds in order to substitute terror for that respect which they have no means of obtaining.

--Jean Jacques Rousseau

The destructive child has to learn his lesson in another way. He breaks the windows of his room, let the wind blow on him night and day and do not worry about him catching cold. It is better for him to catch cold than to be a fool. If he goes on breaking windows shut him up in a dark room without windows. The time will come when he has learned what property means and he is willing to respect other people's belongings.

--Jean Jacques Rousseau

Some people lose all respect for the lion unless he devours them instantly. There is no pleasing some people.

—Will Cuppy

Thieves respect property; they merely wish the property to become their property that they may more perfectly respect it.

--G. K. Chesterton

Guiding the behavior of young children involves establishing mutual respect and expecting cooperation. Effective discipline is positive and child focused. It encourages self-control and appropriate behavior. Through effective discipline, children can learn to make positive choices, learn problem-solving skills, and learn values of respect and responsibility.

—Peggy O' Harrelson

Most adults are used to thinking that firmness means punishment, lectures, or some other form of control. Not so! Firmness, when combined with kindness, means respect for the child, for you, and for the situation.

—Jane Nelson

Respect everyone who crosses your path, even if you feel they don't deserve it.

—Alaric Hutchinson

Confident people generally handle people with respect, compassion and integrity.

—Sam Owen

I never make the mistake of arguing with people for whose opinions I have no respect.

—Edward Gibbon

You lose respect when you demand respect.

—Aniekee Tochukwu
Ezekiel

Above all, don't lie to yourself. The man who lies to himself and listens to his own lie comes to a point that he cannot distinguish the truth within him, or around him, and so loses all respect for himself and for others. And having no respect he ceases to love.

—Fyodor Dostoyevsky

In handling men, there are three feelings that a man must not possess—fear, dislike and contempt. If he is afraid of men, he cannot handle them. Neither can he influence them in his favor if he dislikes or scorns them. He must neither cringe nor sneer. He must have both self-respect and respect for others.

--Herbert N. Casson

The most important phase of living with a person is respect for that person as an individual.

—Millicent Carey
McIntosh

I'm not concerned with your liking or disliking me... All I ask is that you respect me as a human being.

—Jackie Robinson

The most reliable predictor of whether students liked a course, it turned out, was their answer to the question 'Did the professor respect you?'

—Kwame Anthony
Appiah

The individual who is habitually tardy in meeting and appointment, will never be respected or successful in life.

—Wilbur Fisk

Being on time to appointments and meetings is a phase of self-discipline and an evidence of self-respect. Punctuality is a courteous compliment the intelligent person pays to his associates.

—Marvin J. Ashton

First you have to know them, and then you have to like them, enough to respect what they're going through but not accept responses that may be inappropriate. You really do have to like them. Boys, when they're threatened and angry, they act out in ways that make them difficult to deal with. They can become threatening, sullen, disrespectful. They learn to be frightening as a defense mechanism in the environments they have to navigate. When you don't like them, those are reasons to get rid of them—to put them out of programs, put them out of schools, to call the police to deal with them, lock them up. But when they're kids that you actually know, and actually like, they will listen to you, and you will listen to them. And that's where change starts.

--Geoffrey Canada

Let every man be respected as an individual and no man idolized.

--Albert Einstein

Individuality is everywhere to be spared and respected as the root of everything good.

--Johann Richter

To be an individual in a complex and bewildering world is very difficult. Sensing their smallness and relative helplessness, many people are strongly inclined to submerge themselves in what they perceive to be the vastly more powerful identity of the group....Alone they are weak; together, they are a force that commands respect.

--Andrew Malcolm

The classic liberal understanding of freedom is this: every individual should care for his own interest and mind his own business. No one should deem himself his brother's keeper unless his brother unequivocally asks him to. Every individual is a world unto himself, is a being in himself and is presupposed to be the best judge of his own affairs; everyone should respect the wishes, beliefs, and way of life of others....

--Mieszyslaw Maneli

We must respect religiously, reverently, the first indications of individuality.

--Maria Montessori

Unfortunately, we don't educate drivers enough to be respectful on the road.

—Mario Andretti

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--Mark Twain

If you believe in yourself, that means you're thinking positively, and you'll make it; you're gonna do it! But if you have a negative image about yourself, you'll really kill yourself. One of the greatest things you have in life is that no one has the authority to tell you what you want to be. You're the one who will decide what you want to be. Respect yourself and respect the integrity of others as well. The greatest thing you have is your self image, a positive opinion of yourself. You must never let anyone take it from you.

--Jaime Escalante

To free us from the expectations of others, to give us back to ourselves - there lies the great, singular power of self-respect.

—Joan Didion

I have no right, by anything I do or say, to demean a human being in his own eyes. What matters is not what I think of him; it is what he thinks of himself. To undermine a man's self-respect is a sin.

—Antoine de Saint-Exupery

To live without self-respect is to lie awake some night, beyond the reach of warm milk, phenobarbital, and the sleeping hand on the coverlet, counting up the sins of commission and omission, the trusts betrayed, the promises subtly broken, the gifts irrevocably wasted through sloth or cowardice or carelessness. However long we postpone it, we eventually lie down alone in that notoriously uncomfortable bed, the one we make ourselves. Whether or not we sleep in it depends, of course, on whether or not we respect ourselves.

—Joan Didion

To have that sense of one's intrinsic worth which constitutes self-respect is potentially to have everything: the ability to discriminate, to love and to remain indifferent.

—Joan Didion

The narrator of Mary McCarthy's *The Company She Keeps* could be seen as 'enslaved because she persists in looking for her identity in a man.'

—Joan Didion

People with self-respect exhibit a certain toughness, a kind of moral nerve: they display what was once called character, a quality which, although approved in the abstract, sometimes loses ground to other, more instantly negotiable virtues. The measure of its slipping prestige is that one tends to think of it only in connection with homely children and United States senators who have been defeated, preferably in the primary, for reelection. Nonetheless, character—the willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life—is the source from which self-respect springs.

—Joan Didion

You've just got to have a sense of respect for the person you have children with. Anger doesn't help anybody. Ultimately you have to say forgiveness is important, and honoring what you had together is important. But it's easy to say and harder to do.

—Nicole Kidman

Work cure is the best of all psychotherapy, in my opinion.... As well might we expect a patient to recover without food as to recover without work.... The sound man needs work to keep him sound, but the nervous invalid has an even greater need of work to draw him out of his isolation, and to stop the miseries of doubt and self-scrutiny, to win back self-respect and the support of fellowship.

—Richard C. Cabot

To have the approval of your conscience when you are alone with your thoughts is like being in the company of true and loving friends. To merit your own self-respect gives strength of character.

--David O. McKay

Imagine what seven billion humans could accomplish if we all loved and respected each other.

—Anthony Douglas
Williams

Respect for the rights of another,
that is peace.

--Mexican-American
Proverb

I am an individual.
I have dignity and worth.
I am unique.
I deserve respect and I respect others.
I am part of the human family.
I have something special to offer the world.
I am committed to a peaceful world for all of us.
I make a difference, and so do you.
I can accomplish whatever I set out to do, and so can you.
I am the key to peace.

—Naomi Drew

The most powerful lessons about ethics and morality do not come from school discussions or classes in character building. They come from family life where people treat one another with respect, consideration, and love.

--Neil Kurshan

Goodness and hard work are rewarded with respect.

—Luther Campbell

We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.

--Aldo Leopold

Those who wish to pet and baby wild animals, 'love' them. But those who respect their natures and wish to let them live normal lives, love them more.

--Edwin Way Teale

It's very dramatic when two people come together to work something out. It's easy to take a gun and annihilate your opposition, but what is really exciting to me is to see people with differing views come together and finally respect each other.

--Fred Rogers

In my old age I've come to find that if you respect other people, you feel better about yourself.

—Bijou Phillips

Never beg someone to be in your life. If you text, call, visit and still get ignored, walk away. It's called 'SELF-RESPECT.'

—Steve Wentworth

I have nothing but respect for you—and not much of that.

—Groucho Marx

Nothing is more destructive of respect for the government and the law of the land than passing laws which cannot be enforced. It is an open secret that the dangerous increase of crime in this country is closely related with this.

—Albert Einstein

Your children don't have to fear you to respect you.

—Michael Madsen

The high road is always respected. Honesty and integrity are always rewarded.

—Scott Hamilton

Discipline is not about rules. It's about respect. Respect for yourself and others.

—Janna Cachola

Self respect by definition is a confidence and pride in knowing that your behaviour is both honorable and dignified. When you harass or vilify someone, you not only disrespect them, but yourself also.

Street harassment, sexual violence, sexual harassment, gender-based violence and racism, are all acts committed by a person who in fact has no self respect.

Respect yourself by respecting others.

—Miya Yamanouchi

We live in a society where mutual respect and appreciation should be considered one of the pillars of modern life.

—Auliq Ice

TREAT EVERYONE WITH RESPECT

Nobody should be mean to others.

Stop and think before you say or do something that could hurt someone.

If you feel like being mean to someone, find something else to do. Play a game, watch TV, or talk to a friend.

Talk to an adult you trust. They can help you find ways to be nicer to others.

Keep in mind that everyone is different. Not better or worse. Just different.

If you think you have bullied someone in the past, apologize. Everyone feels better.

—stopbullying.gov

This world of ours...must avoid becoming a community of dreadful fear and hate, and be, instead, a proud confederation of mutual trust and respect.

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

It might be nice for them [teachers] to know that we are living human beings, we have feelings and we are people. Sometimes teachers think of you just as a student not a person, so they push you over your limits and sometimes they maybe might talk to you a little louder than they usually do if it is taking you a long time to answer a problem or you don't understand. We are people too! We are not perfect. We can't do everything perfectly the first time. If teachers understand this, it might make us feel more comfortable and we might do better in school.

—Anonymous Middle
School Student
quoted by Nancy
Doda & Trudy
Knowles

Young adolescents do not just want friendly peer relationship, they want respectful, collaborative, and equitable relationships. They want to feel psychologically safe, they want others to also feel safe, and they are seeking adult assistance in securing such safety. In the current educational milieu, with heightened attention to student achievement as measured by standardized tests, many middle level schools are choosing to devote less rather than more time to the affective dimension of school life. Packaged anti-bullying programs are not what these middle schoolers are asking for. Instead, they are asking for the quality of human exchange in schools and classrooms to be more democratic, humane, and respectful.

— Nancy Doda & Trudy Knowles

Anonymity is the curse the overloaded, overspecialized, overcomplicated American comprehensive high school....the specialness of each adolescent is denied—unless that adolescent is ‘special’ for some specified reason. The ‘unspecial majority’...drifts through school genially—until there is a crisis....This organizational cornucopia denies teachers the opportunity to take each student carefully through his or her education, one by one. Humans differ, and adolescents are humans. Their humanness begs to be respected. It can be respected only if the institutions serving adolescents make respect a practical possibility by arranging their staffs so that each child—and each child’s family—can be known truly well.

—Theodore R.Sizer

Some people ask you what you do for a living so that they can calculate the level of respect to give you.

—Internet Meme

Respect should be found in your own heart and never demanded, sacrificed, begged for or negotiated. If you have to explain why you deserve it then you never had it.

—Shannon L. Alder

They fear nothing, and they respect nothing, the young don’t.

—D. H. Lawrence

Know your worth. You must find the courage to leave the table if respect is no longer being served.

—Tene Edwards

Never look down on anybody. Only God sits that high.

—Internet Meme

6 + 3 = 9 but so does 5 + 4. The way you do things isn't always the only way to do them. Respect other people's way of thinking.

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By adolescence, says the Harvard psychologist William Pollack, boys become 'shame-phobic,' convinced that peers will lose respect for them if they discuss their personal problems. My conversations bore this out. Boys routinely confided that they felt denied—by male peers, girlfriends, the media, teachers, coaches, and especially their fathers—the full spectrum of human expression.

—Peggy Orenstein

Social media has made too many of you comfortable with disrespecting people and not getting punched in the mouth for it.

—Internet Meme