

OCTOBER SCRIPTURE & SPOTLIGHT

RESPECT | 1 Peter 3:8-11

⁸ Now, this is the goal: live in peace with one another. Try to understand each other. Love each other as you would your brother or sister. Be kind and humble. That goes for all of you, no exceptions.

⁹ Never retaliate when someone treats you wrongly, nor insult those who insult you. Instead, bless—that's your job, to bless. Respond in kindness. You'll be a blessing and also get a blessing, because a blessing is what God promised to give you.

¹⁰ For the Scriptures tell us: "If you want to enjoy life and see the day fill up with good, you must stop speaking mean, hurtful words and never lie in what you say.

¹¹ Always turn from what is wrong and do your best to do what is good; eagerly choose peace in every relationship, making it your prize."

AFFIRMATION:

Today's a new day! I leave yesterday in the past.

I am ready for challenges and victories even after making mistakes. Together, we are better.

Our teamwork makes the dream work.

We collaborate. We communicate.

We build each other up. We celebrate. We cooperate.

We learn from our mistakes. We are growing with grit and grace. We're ready to take on today!

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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

Peter, one of Jesus' closest disciples, wrote this letter to encourage Christians who were facing hard times. He reminded them that following Jesus means showing respect to everyone—even when people are unkind. Respect means treating others the way God wants us to, with peace, kindness and self-control.

Word Meanings

- Respect → showing that others are valuable by the way you treat and talk to them.
- Humble → not acting like you are better than others.
- Retaliate → trying to hurt someone back when they hurt you.
- Bless → saying or doing something good for others.
- Peace → choosing calm and working together instead of fighting or arguing.

Discussion Questions

What does it mean to treat classmates and teachers with respect?

Why do you think God wants us to "bless" people even when they are unkind?

How can the words we speak show respect or disrespect?

What are some ways you can make peace your goal at school and at home?

Think about this week: how will you choose respect when someone annoys or upsets you?

What happens when we try to "get back" at someone who hurt us? How does respect stop the cycle?

Why do you think Peter tells us to love each other "like family"?

How do respect and kindness work together? Can you have one without the other?

What might be hard about choosing respect when others don't? How can God help us?

How does showing respect make school a happier and safer place for everyone?