COURTEOUS 2

Since I began a discussion of this subject last time, I thought I would expand my comments. Courtesy should be a hallmark of a Christian. While we sometimes get out of sort about things, we should never let that keep us from the practice courtesy in all situations.

1. Children, and that includes grandchildren, should always be taught manners and respect. Ephesians 6:1-3.

   a. The passage specifies parents but parents should know that manners and respect of others are important. Regardless of what some try to tell us today, children and adults are not equal and do not have equal rights in social situations. While we think the old adage that “children are to be seen and not heard,” is old fashioned, still children, if not taught to respect the rights of others, will eventually deny them.

I am certainly not “anti-child” but children do not have the development and maturity of adults, therefore should not be accorded adult status. One thing I have noticed in situations, when adults are mannerly and courteous, it is easier for their children to be.

   b. “Charity begins at home,” I’ve heard for years, and so does respect and courtesy. To allow a child to act as if and treat adults as equals is unconscionable. To show disgust or disdain for parents and their requests is simply wrong. I would never have even thought of talking back to my parents or grandparents

More to come…

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