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Manners

1Tim. 5:17, Heb. 2:11



Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double _____, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. (1Tim. 5:17)

For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them _____ (Heb. 2:11)

A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, and a word spoken in due season, how good it is! (Prov. 15:23)

That you may receive her in the Lord in a _____ worthy of the saints... (Rom. 16:2)

There are basic manners we must have in living with others in a community. Manners are courtesy and etiquette - being polite and discreet in word and actions in interacting with others, and all procedures fitting to the law.

Greeting and the way we address people are the most important element of manners. Greeting is not simply bowing the head. It includes asking each other's well-being and all words and actions we must keep among people. Greeting is the "beginning and the end" of human interaction. It is so also in the fellowship of brothers and sisters. Three days after Jesus died on the cross, He rose up again on the third day and greeted the disciples saying, "Peace be with you" (John 20:19). Paul also most of the times in the New Testament began and ended his epistles with greetings for brothers and sisters.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1Cor. 1:3)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen. (1Cor. 16:23-24)

Therefore, it is very important for us to use the appropriate greetings and names in our families, schools, and church. When we interact with our parents, teachers, and elders within the church, we must say greetings to them with respect and address them appropriately. For younger people or under-classmates, we must share greetings with love and care. Among friends, we must share appropriate greetings and converse in friendly manners and kind words. Especially within the church, with an exception of blood related families, we must use the beautiful titles, brothers and sisters, as our Lord has done (John 20:17, Rom. 16:1, 23).

When saved Christians keep themselves well-mannered toward others, they will be able to prove themselves as the true children of God. They also will be able to open up the hearts of unsaved family and friends and provide an important chance to pass on the gospel to them.



Fellowship



01. What are the basic manners we must have?



02. Give the dictionary definition of "greeting."



03. Who are the people we must give "double honor" (1Tim. 5:17) within the church?



04. Have a role play with class brothers and sisters for greeting others in the church (church elders, students).

Memory Verse(s)

Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; (Romans 12:10)

