

Respect & Dignity

As we have traveled down the many roads of life, some highways, some dirt roads, and some dead ends, we have given and we have taken. Along the way, we have experienced the 'giving' is always better than the 'receiving'. No matter your beliefs, your up-bringing, or your visions, the undeniable paradox exists 'the more you give the more you get'.

Our credence is our duty to take charge to care for those who have cared for us. Whenever the situation arises, whether our family, our friends, our employees, or others, and regardless of the circumstances, we exhibit the respect and the dignity we hope for ourselves.

We learn to hold as a value the respect of one's opinion, (whether or not our own) the respect of one's accomplishments, the respect of one's authority, whether inherited or earned, and the respect of life itself. A definition of dignity reads, "The quality of being worthy of esteem or respect". The paradox continues and respect and dignity go hand-in hand.

We are born without the ability to self-sustain, somehow learn to navigate those roads of life, and then, for many, are back from whence we began. Sometimes, out of respect, we must face tasks that do not seem very dignified for us to perform in order for others to retain their own dignity. We feel sacrificing our own dignity reaps rewards beyond the respect of those who need our help or sometimes just need our understanding, love, & friendship.

