

DA60. Treating Persons with Respect in Ways Appropriate to Their Respective Ages, Genders, and Relationships.

We are to treat persons with respect in ways appropriate to their respective ages, genders, and relationships.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

1 Timothy 5:1-2

Do not rebuke an older man sharply, but appeal to him as you would to a father; treat younger men like brothers, older women like mothers and younger women like sisters, with absolute purity.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 19:19

Ephesians 6:1-4

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Exodus 20:12

Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land which ADONAI your God is giving you.

Leviticus 19:32

Stand up in the presence of a person with gray hair, show respect for the old; you are to fear your God; I am ADONAI.

Deuteronomy 27:16

A curse on anyone who dishonors his father or mother.' All the people are to say, 'Amen!'

2 Kings 2:23-25

Elisha left to go up to Beit-El. As he was on his way up the road, some boys came out of the town and began making fun of him. "Go on up, baldy! Go on up, baldy!" He looked behind him, saw

them and put a curse on them in the name of ADONAI; whereupon two female bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the boys. He went on from there to Mount Karmel and then returned to Shomron.

Job 29:8

..when young men saw me they would hide themselves, while the aged arose and stood;

Job 32:4-6

Elihu had waited to speak to Iyov because they were older than he; however, when Elihu saw that these three had no answer, his anger flared up. Elihu the son of Barakh'el the Buzi said: "I am young, and you are old, so I held back from telling you my opinion.

Proverbs 23:22

Listen to your father, who gave you life; and don't despise your mother when she gets old.

Comment

Although the defined subject of 1 Timothy 5:1-2 is having respect for a person that we are rebuking, 1 Peter 2:17 and others in the *Tanakh* suggest that its intended application is broader. There are different ways of treating persons with respect according to whether the persons are older or younger or male or female. Men do not treat women as they do other men, nor do women treat men as they do other women. Similarly, adults do not treat each other as they would children, and children should show respect to adults differently than they do to their peers. Similar regarding those in authority and those subordinate to them.

Also, because we are part of God's family, we have family responsibilities of love one to the other. We are therefore to relate to significantly older persons as to parents, significantly younger persons as to children, and peers as to brothers and sisters.

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