

On being kind and considerate

The other day I had done a great favour for someone, on entry to their home he was not there to greet me, only the dog was there to greet me. I had to stay a long time before he came out and said hello as though he was doing me a favour. He lacked every essence of politeness and was exuding, callous disregard towards me, totally inconsiderate.

“Intensely selfish people are always very decided as to what they wish. They do not waste their energies in considering the good of others.” Ouida, Wanda, Countess von Szalras.

A group in our parish distributes bread weekly I do this bread run occasionally and many a time was tempted to think “they are rich and don’t deserve this bread or too lazy not wanting to work and don’t deserve this free bread. It’s however divine to in my heart not to be judgemental.

“Good works is giving to the poor and the helpless, but divine works is showing them their worth to the One who matters.” Criss Jami, Killosophy

“In what terms should we think of these beings, nonhuman yet possessing so very many human-like characteristics? How should we treat them? Surely we should treat them with the same consideration and kindness as we show to other humans; and as we recognize human rights, so too should we recognize the rights of the great apes” Jane Goodall

Keeping communication links unbroken is being considerate.

Often my wife reminds me of the great friends I had, friends whom I respect intensely and who have in many ways had a lasting impact on my life’s thinking. I remember Dr Errol Baptiste whom I regard as a very good friend who did have a lasting impact on my life. His favourite quote was “there’s so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us let’s not talk about the rest of us”. He lives far away in the USA and I have lost contact with him purely due to my internet being sabotaged. This is only an excuse and I will strive to restore the communication link.

“People will walk in and walk out of your life, but the one whose footstep made a long lasting impression is the one you should never allow to walk out.” Michael Bassey Johnson

“When we fully understand the brevity of life, its fleeting joys and unavoidable pains; when we accept the facts that all men and women are approaching an inevitable doom: the consciousness of it should make us more kindly and considerate of each other. This feeling should make men and women use their best efforts to help their fellow travellers on the road, to make the path brighter and easier as we journey on. It should bring a closer kinship, a better understanding, and a deeper sympathy for the wayfarers

who must live a common life and die a common death.”

— Clarence Darrow, The Essential Words and Writings of Clarence Darrow.

Being truthful is to be considerate.

Being considerate is also to tell the truth, to spin a yarn and tell an untruth is lacking consideration for the listener, because you think you can pull the wool over the other person’s eyes, and therefore you are belittling their intelligence.

“Today I bent the truth to be kind, and I have no regret, for I am far surer of what is kind than I am, of what is true.” Robert Brault

The sermon on the mount extols the virtue of the pure of heart, blessed are they, for they shall see God. A pure heart is considerate and thoughtful of others, and their feelings. My daughter Melissa has a tender heart and would cry if anyone is hurt, or has been treated with no respect. We were discussing the new girl friend of Prince Harry. Prince Harry has endeared himself to my wife, and daughter, purely due to his human nature, and devil may care attitude for Royalty. Royal protocol, and his deep within love, for all human beings just like his mother Princess Diana. My wife Jacinta remarked thatwas Negro and instantly Melissa was up in arms “don’t call people nigger” this is not being considerate of people. “God made all human beings to his image and likeness and it is not Christian to label any human being, and it is being inconsiderate.

“A pure heart does not demean the spirit of an individual, it, instead, compels the individual to examine his spirit.” Criss Jami, Killosophy

Being merciful is to be considerate.

“The quality of mercy is not strained, it droppeth as a gentle rain from heaven, it is twice blessed, it blesseth him that gives, and him that receives” an extract from the speech of Portia defending Bassanio in court, in the Merchant of Venice by Shakespeare. Bassanio could not return the 2000 ducats he borrowed from Shylock a Jew. The surety was one pound of flesh from the heart of Bassanio. Portia was appealing for mercy from the Jew, Shylock, “who determined to extract the surety, which was a pound of flesh from the heart.

“Always seek justice, but love only mercy. To love justice and hate mercy is but a doorway to more injustice.” Criss Jami, Healology.

Being considerate, is far more valuable than all the education

Being considerate is a far nobler quality than all the degrees of the world. With knowledge comes maturity or so it should. College degrees when combined

with graciousness makes for a dignified person. “Being considerate of others will take your children further in life than any college degree.” Marian Wright Edelman

As a citizen of a country, one has a serious responsibility towards the country you live in, all other affiliations should be left behind, you cant have your feet firmly placed in two or more countries. For this very reason several Members of the Australian Legislature, have had to forfeit their seats in Parliament.

“Those who live as though God sets the rules are not going by their own rules. That is the self-sacrifice, or selflessness, that peace more often than not requires. Those who insist on going by their own rules cannot make that sacrifice. They are the steady adherents of (global) conflict because they are forever fighting both themselves and others to do whatever they think that they want to do.” — Criss Jami, Killosophy. To be considerate is to respect the laws of the land. Often I have thought of the graffiti scrawlers as being the most thoughtless, disrespectful, time wasters who disfigure the environment with their ugly scrawls, as being inconsiderate.

Your individuality has value don’t underrate yourself

Lack of self esteem is a lack of valuing oneself not being kind to oneself by all means be considerate to yourself. Have the highest regard for yourself. I believe I am made to the image and likeness of God my creator, and don’t tread on my path I will defend my rights. I will not let people walk over me, with put downs and belittling

“Christ delves far beyond the means of superficiality, not simply because of his immaculate love, but also because he considers the distinct cases of each individual rather than withholding a broadened perception by use of stereotypes.” Criss Jami, Salomé: In Every Inch In Every Mile.

Acquisition of knowledge makes one considerate.

Knowledge makes one considerate and thoughtful of other’s feelings when we open our mouths to speak, and when we do, say only good things.

“Read not to contradict and confute; nor to believe and take for granted; nor to find talk and discourse; but to weigh and consider.” Francis Bacon, The Essays

Jesus said come unto to me all who labour and I will give you rest, and when asked who is my neighbour related the story of the good Samaritan. “whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers that you do unto me, when I was hungry you gave me to eat, when I was thirsty you gave me to drink, now enter into the kingdom of my father”

“We must delight in each other, make other’s conditions our own, rejoice together, mourn together, labor, and suffer together, always having before our eyes our commission and community in the work, our community as members of the same body.” John Winthrop

When in a position of power; empathise

“To understand my feelings walk in my mocassins” goes the saying of the American Indian.

“power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely”. When empowered with power we should not forget politeness, and being considerate.

“Politeness is the first thing people lose once they get the power.” Amit Kalantri, Wealth of Words

“Growing up, I always had a soldier mentality. As a kid I wanted to be a soldier, a fighter pilot, a covert agent, professions that require a great deal of bravery and risk and putting oneself in grave danger in order to complete the mission. Even though I did not become all those things, and unless my predisposition, in its youngest years, already had me leaning towards them, the interest that was there still shaped my philosophies. To this day I honor risk and sacrifice for the good of others - my views on life and love are heavily influenced by this.”

— Criss Jami, Healology.

Words from which we can draw inspiration.

Here are some poignant words worth giving consideration for emulation: bravery, caring for others, consideration, discipline, fearlessness fighting for freedom, seeking honour, goodness, awareness,

Chivalry, civility, courtesy, diplomacy, gallantry, good breeding, good manners, soft skills, tactfulness.

Having self worth.the time is now.

Have we ever wondered about the precious quality of our life, and have we lived it to the fullest for ourselves and toward others in being kind, and, considerate.

“Have we ever thought to consider that God allows things in our lives to die so that in that death we might come to the precious realization of how little we’ve actually lived in the first place?”

— Craig D. Lounsbrough

Charity begins at home, being kind to oneself, not spilling overboard. I know of someone who spends a great deal of time as head of the church organisations