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R-E-S-P-E-C-T



Reflecting on Aretha Franklin's passing makes me think of how we raise our children.

We just had someone, a friend of my children, spend some time with our family. She has been raised to be respectful. Now, I don't think my kids are disrespectful most of the time. My kids typically do as I request and they respond when asked. This friend, however, is such a delight to have around. I was reflecting this morning after she left why I absolutely adore her. It is her manners. Her parents raised her to say, "Yes, Ma'am" or "No, Ma'am" every time she responds to me. This is such a simple gesture, but so incredibly powerful! It seems a bit old-fashioned to us city dwellers to ask children to respond with such courtesy. But I find it so refreshing in this society where disrespect seems to be more prominent.

How do our children learn respect? What I have found is that our children are mirrors of our thoughts and behaviors. When you are annoyed with a driver in the next car, how do you respond? Do you belittle them? Yell at them? Or did you think about all the mistakes you make while driving and realize that this person is also one of God's creations and deserves the same grace you desire? I frequently find myself asking for forgiveness when I berate a fellow driver on the streets. Because, yes, they are creations of God just as I am, and they deserve the same grace and respect that I hope I receive. If we watch how we respond in the simplest of situations, our children will learn what we think and feel about the people around us. When we start to believe that we should "Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves" (Philippians 2:3), then we can make a real difference in the world.

All of this makes me wonder, have we lost a portion of civility in our society that needs to be resurrected? If I am tickled by this friend's respect, what would happen if we all trained our children to be that respectful in the world? If we sent out an army of children into the world - all with impeccable respect - what impact would that have? Could we change society? I believe at a minimum people who interact with our children would probably have a similar reaction to mine. They would be thrilled with the respect shown by a child, youth, or young adult. Our children would have opportunities open to them because of their attitude and behavior not available to common adults in the world. They would make a difference one Ma'am at a time.

### Looking for Creative Ideas



Registration is underway for the CAPE Fall Family Retreat. To register, please go to [www.cape-nm.org/fall-family-retreat/](http://www.cape-nm.org/fall-family-retreat/). Space is going quickly. If you are interested, but are worried about costs....then let's get those creative juices flowing! As parents we always have to find ways to make those dollars stretch further. Any ideas? I will tell you mine, but I would love for you to share your ideas in the FB comments.

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- 1) Bring cereal for breakfast.
- 2) Bring sandwich fixings for lunch.
- 3) Prepare a quick meal at home and bring it with you. There are refrigerators in the common rooms and microwaves to warm food up.
- 4) Bring a camper or tent and stay in the camping area rather than the hotel style rooms.
- 5) Bring burgers to fix on the camp grills which are available for everyone.
- 6) Have a best friend family? Stay in a room with 3 bedrooms and fix your own meals in a full kitchen.

What are your other ideas or questions on how to make this trip more affordable to every family that wants to attend?

## Convention Recordings



Is there a workshop you wish you had a recording of from the convention? Or did you hear great things about a speaker and now you wish you had gone? Well, the recordings of the convention are all available online at [www.cape-nm.org/shop/](http://www.cape-nm.org/shop/). You can purchase recordings for \$6 each or \$89 for the full set.

## CAPE-NM Calendar



October 19-21, 2018 [Fall Family Retreat](#)

Registration currently open

February 4-8, 2019 [TeenPact Leadership School](#)

February 7, 2019 [CAPE at the Capitol](#)

May 18, 2019 CAPE NM Graduation Recognition Ceremony

June 21-22, 2019 CAPE NM

Homeschool Convention

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