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1 Corinthians 13:4,5 - *Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. (NLT)*

Leviticus 19:32 - *Stand up in the presence of the elderly, and show respect for the aged. Fear your God. I am the LORD. (NLT)*

1 Peter 2:17 - *Respect everyone, and love the family of believers. Fear God, and respect the king. (NLT)*

Key Question: When people spend time with me, do they feel better or worse?

Luke 7:36-38 - *One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so Jesus went to his home and sat down to eat. When a certain immoral woman from that city heard he was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume. Then she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. (NLT)*

Luke 7:38 - *Her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them. (NLT)*

Luke 7:39-48 - *When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She's a sinner!" Then Jesus answered his thoughts.*

"Simon," he said to the Pharisee, "I have something to say to you."

"Go ahead, Teacher," Simon replied.

Then Jesus told him this story: "A man loaned money to two people—500 pieces of silver to one and 50 pieces to the other. But neither of them could repay him, so he kindly forgave them both, canceling their debts. Who do you suppose loved him more after that?"

Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the larger debt."

“That’s right,” Jesus said. Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, “Look at this woman kneeling here. When I entered your home, you didn’t offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You didn’t greet me with a kiss, but from the time I first came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet. You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has anointed my feet with rare perfume.

“I tell you, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love.” Then Jesus said to the woman, “Your sins are forgiven.” (NLT)

Learning #1: I show respect when I give others my full attention.

Learning #2: I can show respect by following through on my commitments!

Psalms 103:12 - He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west. (NLT)

Proverbs 25:14 - A person who promises a gift but doesn’t give it is like clouds and wind that bring no rain. (NLT)

Matthew 5:37 - Just say a simple, ‘Yes, I will,’ or ‘No, I won’t.’ (NLT)

Learning #3: I can show respect by serving others.

2 Corinthians 12:15 - So I will very gladly spend for you everything I have and expend myself as well. (NIV)

Learning #4: I can show respect by slowing down.

Romans 12:16 - Live in harmony with each other. Don’t be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. (NLT)