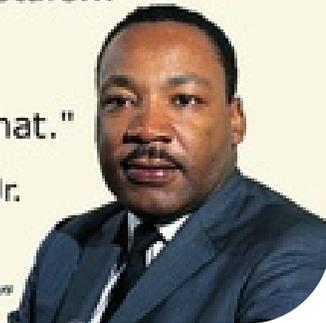


JDC NEWSLETTER

"Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars... Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

Martin Luther King Jr.

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"A lot of the young youth today in life do not realize that they are short[en]ing their days on earth by calling adults [outing] their name, killing and raping people, stealing and robbing. All leads to a short[ened] life. My parents - I mean my mom - taught me to respect and love everyone no matter how bad they treat you. The Bible says we [should] be like our Father 'cause no matter how many sins we commit, he still forgive[s] and forget[s]."

RESPECT

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King's march on Washington, respect was the topic for this week's conversation. Twenty-five young male participants from the Miami-Dade Juvenile Detention Center explored what is respect, why it is important, and how disrespect and disobedience are related.

The multitude of customs that people have used to define respect were considered and applied to being respectful to others' ideas, beliefs, and lifestyles. Developing empathy was a common reflection from all of the participants.

"I believe all blacks deserve "respect." All we do is fight for oursel[ves]. The whites just judge us by our skin tone. I believe black[s] and white[s] deserve respect, and the whites need to respect us and put our color in the past."

"Respect today means to show gratitude and kindness."

"El respeto es lomejor que existe en la vida por que donde ay respeto es la cosa mas linda del mundo por el ejemplo cuando una persona es mal que yo semerese todo mi respeto por que eso es algo bien bonito. Por eso sedeve el respeto en la vida. Por cariño a la persona."

“People think different. That’s why you’ve got to give them respect. You’ve got to respect their religion and culture.”

“Respect - give and get it.”

“I am a youth at JDC. I’m here for doing [w]rong and not giv[ing] a [care] about anything, but now I know that I was [w]rong. I regret all I did. I’m sorry for everything. Now I know there’s a limit to



“Respect means when you show other persons gratitude. It’s when you put someone before

“The capacity for getting along with our neighbor depends to a large extent on the capacity for getting along with ourselves. The self-respecting individual will try to be as tolerant of his neighbor's shortcomings as he is of his own.”

- Eric Hoffer

“Today I am going to tell you about how to respect each other so people can respect you, But I hope when my message come[s] out, y’all can see what I am talking about. [It’s] like this, when you go places and don’t respect nobody, it’s going to come back on you.”

“Respect - I think it’s not always given, but I think respect is due to everybody. Respect to me - I think that you’re born with it, and for the people who disrespect are really respectful, but think it’s cool to disrespect.”

“In my personal opinion, respect has no meaning in society now a days. In today’s world, social class and money is what get you “so called respect.” If you have no money, you are not acknowledged even by the system made to support you financially. Respect should be distributed my how much money you have but by what type of person you are and the empathy you show others.”

ATTENTION

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