

Manners & Respect

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Manners and respect can be the difference between a good day or ending it in an ICU room at the hospital in prison. I once witnessed a man get split open from his forehead down to his chin within five punches for neglecting to say excuse me or acknowledge he bumped into the man he was passing by. I've watched riots erupt over the lack of respect to let a man stand up after being knocked down in a fight. I've seen multiple people stabbed for calling someone a bitch or hoe. Fights happen for even less. I know people who live life in the "free-world" and ~~never~~ never experienced "my world" these things are unrealistic & unimaginable. We are treated less than human and therefore we become animals. Those of us who are not animals become one in prison out of a necessity to survive our environment (peers) and because of the treatment received by Correctional officials. Many people ~~experience~~ experience this mistreatment from Police officers in our neighborhoods & hometowns. We look at the police as the enemy instead of our allies for good reason. The majority (not all) of the police & Correction officers ~~or~~ I have dealt with are not there to help but to punish us. That's why people don't rush to call 911 because "it's a waste of time". They don't show and model manners & respect to the people they respect to the people they are supposed to serve & protect. Their oaths they take are hollow and is evident by the actions that do not match the words of their oaths. They show us the same behavior they are quick to lock us away for. How do we break this chain? By changing ourselves and inspire others to do the same. By modeling manners & respect to our children, to our family & our communities. We make the loop of repeated history cease to exist by becoming more understanding, knowledgeable, and accepting of peoples different mannerisms and upbringings or culture.

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