

# Reasons Why a Person Who Shows Respect Has a Bright Future

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*(All scripture quotations are from the ESV)*

Listen to Proverbs 4:18: *“But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.”* This passage says that a person who shows respect to others and to God will have a very bright future! Now let’s read Proverbs 12:15 *“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.”* In this passage the person who thinks he knows everything is the fool. Now listen to Proverbs 4:13: *“Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life.”* The person who can take instruction, listen to advice and learn from others has got the attitude of a wise person!

Read the story of Luke 20:9-18.

- **It will take you a long way in life!** Some of the benefits are keeping you out of prison, being able to keep a job and being able to keep and have friends. Everyone wants and needs friends. But we also need friends that will help us down the long road in life.
- **You won’t have any fear of the government.** Worrying about laws broken can control a person’s life but life doesn’t have to be lived that way. Romans 13:3-4 says this: *“For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer.”*
- **Real respect begins with taking to heart the respect Jesus gave to us!** Jesus loves you! You can have peace now and eternal life through Jesus. Faith in Christ to change your life is needed here first but peace comes as a result! He gave respect enough to each of us that He died for us! Listen to Titus 2:14: *“who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.”* Also listen to the words of John 3:16: *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”* (also see Romans 5:1 & 2 Timothy 4:6-8) And 1 John 4:19 says: *“We love because he first loved us.”* You will be enabled to love and show respect because you will have received His love first!