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Respect is one of those words that seems straightforward or unadorned until you really approach it with a deep, thorough, and open mindset. It is often taught to us when we are adolescents, usually in the form of rules. We are instructed from a young age to show deference to authority and practicing social etiquette, including manners, respectful language and observing boundaries. Although as I grow older I learned that respect is much more than rules or manners. Respect is the foundation that allows a community to flourish, survive, heal, and grow. It has shaped our past, and defines every small crevice of our future at the local, state, national, and global levels. Respect also shapes my personal identity, and how I define my own behavior, and the way I treat others.

Formally, respect functioned as a fundamental element that glued communities together. At the local level, families often relied on mutual respect to thrive or survive. In a smaller town or neighborhood, people were acquainted with each other. Respect for elderly, parents, and community leaders helped maintain order and pass down values. Predecessors were respected for great knowledge and the wisdom they brought, and younger generations were advised to listen and learn. This respect created a routine and an understanding of responsibility because they looked after one another and had a perspective that everyone mattered and was equal. This leads to perspective boundaries and who is implied in a society and where they are placed.

Conventionally, at a state level, respect for laws and leadership allowed governments to function. While not every law was viewed as fair or just, the idea of respecting authority and those of leadership helped create a sense of foundation and stability. When citizens respected the structure of government, the states could provide education, safety and overall basic rights. History shows that when respect was denied, targeted specifically at certain groups, states experienced conflict, injustice, and division. This can remind us that respect isn't just about

obedience, but recognizing the dignity of all people. Respect can also remind us of the quality and justice of one's feelings, and having a deep understanding of circumstances for more sympathy.

At the national level, respect shaped how countries regarded their citizens and how citizens treated each other. Respect for shared values such as freedom, responsibility, sacrifice, and ideas of injustice, helped nations unite during hard times like wars and economic struggles. When people could communicate, respect one another despite differences, nations were able to progress. When respect was absent, former history showed many consequences, discrimination, violence and separation.

On a global level today, respect is essential in a connected world. Countries rely on trade, technology and overall support. Respect for different cultures, traditions, and religion allows cooperation to take place. Global challenges such as conflict or poverty cannot be solved with mutual respect. The future shows us that respect shouldn't be optional, it is necessary.

Looking into the future, respect will mold and shape communities even more at a deeper level. At a local level, respect will determine how future generations treat each other. Especially if respect is practiced it will show how communities can be kinder, and looked at from a compassionate soul and good human perspective leading to unity. If respect is ignored it will lead to division, decline of one another and isolation will grow. The future depends on whether we choose respect over selfishness.

At a state and national level, respect will influence leadership, laws, and justice. Future leaders who learned or have learned to respect all people will create systems that are fair and inclusive. Citizens who respect one another will be able to work together, even in disagreement. A decline of respect and progress will stall. With respect growth is possible.

On a world level, respect will determine whether humanity will move towards peace or continued conflict. The future holds whether humanity moves towards peace or continued conflict. This requires cooperation more than ever before. Respect for human rights, cultures, and shared responsibility will be critical. The future world will determine how seriously we take respect today.

On a personal level, respect has shaped who I am and who I want to become. I have learned respect through my family, my faith in Christ, and my experiences. I have seen how being treated with respect builds confidence not only in myself but others, and how disrespect can leave a deep pain in your chest, especially by those you trust and love. Respect has taught me to listen, to think before speaking, and consider how my actions affect others. It has taught me to treat people the way I wanna be treated, and respect goes both ways even in those of a more authoritative figure.

Right now, respect shows how I treat my peers, teachers, and family members. It reminds me that everyone is fighting an inner battle that I may not see. In my future respect will guide the choices I make as an adult, a professional, and a member of my community. It will influence how I stand up for others, how I lead, and how I contribute to the world around me. Respect shapes people in their every day lives no matter who you are. Respect involves treating others with empathy and kindness, and with that it influences the way you treat people by acknowledging what they are going through, creating a positive environment for you and others.

In conclusion, respect is not just a word, it is a choice, that if we continue respect, on every level, In every moment, It will provide a well written, positive future and past for everyone, creating a sense of leadership and community growth. Respect goes a long way in all

circumstances and situations leading people to intelligence and a deep understanding of human unity, respect is a sense of leadership and a good way to build a community with human decency and authority. Respect can be viewed from many different perspectives but it's very important for human decency and an overall community.