

A Question of Respect (Or, Grown-Ups and Their Double Standards)

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Talking Points

- ❖ Hillary Jackson wanted to write a piece on respect, I struggled a bit on the level of the right questions to ask myself. Every question I asked myself felt like it was just one question about respect, but not the whole.
- ❖ All these questions did, however, take me on a really useful thought experiment and helped me to think more deeply about respect. How do you, as a parent, offer respect to your child? How do you, as a grown-up, offer respect to other grown-ups? How do you, as a grown-up, offer respect to your child? How do you, as a grown-up, offer respect to other grown-ups?
- ❖ I think that questions of respect are tied inextricably to questions about power. If you want to bring up children who make a positive contribution to the world around them, children who are secure, who can handle change, who can handle stress, who can handle responsibility, you need to have a relationship with power and respect as part of your own parenting journey.
- ❖ Before we get further, I'd like to share with you how I define respect. For me, it's a deeply considered and thoughtful acknowledgment of another person's needs and wishes. This, then, is how I define respect in my own mind. I think it's important to consider that perspective. Being respectful means that we respect our own wishes and the wishes of others.
- ❖ I hope to bring a more worthy of respect. In fact, when I consider this matter, I think it's pretty central to the respect. It's respect for people we agree to be like. Yes, there's a lot of respect for my child.
- ❖ Creating Right Relationships: It's how do I live a life of someone worthy of respect? An adult worth respect, I probably would not want to be. I'd respect myself? That question leads to another: Does the life I have created feel like it respects me?
- ❖ Maybe there are things about the way we structure that can be that make us respect our children. I think I can say that respect my children, but in reality I find myself struggling to do so. I think it's possible that we can be that way. I think it's possible that we can be that way. I think it's possible that we can be that way. I think it's possible that we can be that way.

Resources

Full references for each article are available at <http://pathwaystofamilywellness.org/references.html>

Teresa Graham Brett's, of Parenting for Social Change, article on power and parenting. "How Power Distorts Our Parenting Practices: Using Critical Reflection"

<http://www.parentingforsocialchange.com/critical-reflection.html>

Peter Gray's article "In Relationships, Respect May Be Even More Crucial than Love"

<http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/freedom-learn/201208/in-relationships-respect-may-be-even-more-crucial-love>

Pam Leo's article "Teaching Children Respect" <http://pathwaystofamilywellness.org/Parenting/teaching-children-respect.html>