

Chaplain's Spot right – RESPECT – responsibility



In our society, there are many who think they have the right to do whatever they want, regardless of the outcome to themselves or anyone else. Often that outcome includes not being a positive role model to our children and teenagers.

When I see people walking onto the road, texting or talking on their phones, and not looking before they step out, I think of the phrase 'look before you leap', or 'think before you act.'

That wise advice covers crossing roads, jumping into unknown water, taking dangerous risks, where to walk when there are no footpaths, and all sorts of other life experiences. Why don't we pass on some of these basic life skills to the next generation, instead of leaving them to the dangers of those who aren't as careful in their treatment of others?

This focusses on our responsibility in life. I love being alive, and I am not going to risk that by placing my life in situations that may change life forever. I also want to enjoy the people that are in my life, in our family [with a new grandson], with friends, at school, in our church, and in our neighbourhood.

RESPECT is a basic value, and it relates to both rights and responsibility; right to protect oneself and be protected, and responsibility to act wisely and help others do the same.

My challenge is:

Does your daily life have a healthy balance of rights and responsibility?

In a crazy world where people sue others for outcomes that they themselves could have avoided, let's change the attitude in our family environment, with our friends, in our neighbourhood, and be proactive – take responsibility, care about yourself and others, and value the life we have been given.

One Liner of the week: The world tongue twister champion just got arrested. I hear they're going to give him a really tough sentence.

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