

A Little Grace and Charm™

Just Get it RIGHT:

RESPECT

Modern children can sometimes feel resentment at being 'forced' to respect an outside individual. It is key to emphasize that we show how much RESPECT we have for OURSELVES when we display kindness to others. 'I care about my self on the inside...here are some of the outward and visible signs of that'.

INTEGRITY

Through our words and actions, we try to convey a message 'You can have faith in me'. Further, we want our friends to know 'I will honor that faith and respect myself enough to take full advantage of the fact that when I say something, you believe it. I will be a wise steward of your trust in me'.

GRACE

'Grace' is a term with many meanings, but when we think of courtesy, we think of Grace as the ability to handle a situation calmly when we really might want to lash back and return another person's hurtful attitude. In other words, it's the opposite of 'freaking out'.

HOSPITALITY

Hospitality is simply making another person feel at home. Whether that's a new kid in the neighborhood or a new classmate. Doing whatever we can not only to help them get started in their new surroundings but also to help them feel a part of the established culture is an example of hospitality.

TACT

Remember 'Sticks and Stones may break my bones but words can never hurt me?'. That may be a cute rhyme, but it really doesn't seem to be true at all...words can hurt! The best way to describe Tact is that ability to say unkind things ONLY on the inside.