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## **Character Trait for October is Respect**

“In republics, the great danger is, that the majority may not sufficiently respect the rights of the minority.”  
- James Madison (1751-1836), fourth President of the United States

“Being brilliant is no great feat if you respect nothing.”  
- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832), German dramatist, novelist, poet, and scientist

“Self-respect is the fruit of discipline; the sense of dignity grows with the ability to say no to oneself.”  
- Abraham J Heschel (1907-1972), Jewish author and professor

“When people do not respect us we are sharply offended; yet deep down in his private heart no man much respects himself.” - Mark Twain [Samuel Langhorne Clemens] (1835-1910), U.S. author

“From the moment a child begins to speak, he is taught to respect the word; he is taught how to use the word and how not to use it. The word is all-powerful, because it can build a man up, but it can also tear him down. That’s how powerful it is. So a child is taught to use words tenderly and never against anyone; a child is told never to take anyone’s name or reputation in vain.”  
- Henry Old Coyote (20th century), U.S. educator and member of the Crow Tribe

“I deserve respect for the things I did not do.”  
- Dan Quayle (1947 - ), US lawyer and Republican politician, vice-president of US 1989-1993

“As we grow as unique persons, we learn to respect the uniqueness of others.”  
- Robert H. Schuller (1926 - ) US author, clergyman, and evangelist

“Show respect to self, others and property.”

“Remember no one can make you feel inferior without your consent.”

“My life is my message.” - Ghandi

“Manners are minor morals.”

“Self-respect has nothing to do with the approval of others.” - Joan Didion

"The words you speak today should be soft and tender for tomorrow you may have to eat them."  
- Unknown

“Every man is to be respected as an absolute end in himself; and it is a crime against the dignity that belongs to him as a human being, to use him as a mere means for some external purpose.”  
- Immanuel Kant, 18th century Prussian geographer and philosopher

"The highest result of education is tolerance."  
- Helen Keller, 20th-century American social activist, public speaker and author

"Perhaps the most important thing we can undertake toward the reduction of fear is make it easier for people to accept themselves, to like themselves." - Bonaro Overstreet

Civilizations should be measured by "the degree of diversity attained and the degree of unity retained."  
- W.H. Auden, 20th-century English poet

“The true measure of an individual is how he treats a person who can do him absolutely no good.”  
- Ann Landers, 20th-century American newspaper “advice” columnist

“Prejudice is the child of ignorance.” - William Hazlitt, early 18th-century English essayist & literary critic

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