

Respect For The Elderly

One of my favorite pastimes while waiting in airports is to watch people interact with each other either deplaning or boarding. A few days ago I was touched by the following scene. An elderly gentleman was wheeled to the waiting area to board a plane. He was followed closely by a group of people whom I assumed to be his family. One person in particular, evidently his son, caught my attention. He was probably 35 years old. He helped the elderly man to a seat. He hovered over him, talking to him with his arm around him until they were ready to board the plane. The younger man helped him into the wheelchair again; there was embracing and handshaking by all members of the family.

I was just an observer, but I could not help but sense the love and honor demonstrated by this man for his elderly relative. What a powerful example for the little boy who was there also. What a lesson for all of us who observed. We need to respect and honor our senior citizens. Proverbs 16:31 says, *"The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness"* Job 12:12 adds, *"With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding."*

The average life span today for women is 86, and for men 74. People are living longer; there are more senior citizens around. Thus there are more opportunities to show respect by our actions and deeds. Let's show them we love, honor and respect them.

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