

A Great Day in the Kingdom – March 4, 2022

"I'll take a...., Gimme' a, I want a, I'll take a...., or just the order, without any acknowledgement of the person taking the order." One of the practices the Robbins' family had adopted involves words and phrases of courtesy. When ordering at an establishment we always say, "Please, may I have..." followed by, "Thank You." Our family tries to look the person in the eye during this process.

If you have ever waited tables, you know exactly how the general public treats wait staff. My wife once spilled beer on a baby, as she waited tables for a short time, but that story is for another article. It does make a difference, to those on the receiving end. You may have seen the commercial where people tend to become their parents, as the host says, "The waiter doesn't need to know your name." I used to introduce Christie and myself to the wait staff. I gave that up, when the commercial began to air.

Luke 6:31, Jesus is promoting and teaching the Golden Rule. Doing unto others, pretty well spells out our calling, as Christians.

Managers of restaurants have spoken about the courtesy of our kids and even offered free desserts. One of the best lines in any country music song originates with Hank Williams, Jr., "We say Grace and we say Ma'am. If you ain't into that we don't..."

Courtesy and Kindness are who, what and how we are called by Jesus to present and interact with God's world.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, help us to see and deal with God's World, just as Jesus would. Give us grace and patience to be Your People, as the Holy Spirit guides us into Your will and Your way. In the name of the Risen Christ Jesus, we pray.
AMEN!