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- 2.) Remember, you can destroy a relationship in a matter of seconds with a rude email, phone call or interaction.
- 3.) Double check all the facts before you communicate, especially if you have a conflict.
- 4.) Use kid gloves when emailing. Email correspondence is often dehumanized and lacks the real emotional intent. Way too often someone gets their feathers ruffled from an unintentionally blunt email. There is a reason that :), LOL, JK and other softening emoticons were invented. We are all busy, but we should always take the time to soften demands, commands, rebuttals, sarcasm and questions when you are sending an email. You must over emphasize everything.

5.) Don't fall into the trap of responding to rudeness with rudeness and as hard as it may be at the time, reply with kindness and respect. Take the high road.

6.) Be Thankful, No matter what the situation is, you can always find something to be thankful for.

in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
I Thessalonians 5:18

Notice it doesn't say "BE" thankful for everything, it says "IN" everything, every situation we can find something to be thankful for. There is a distinct difference.

7.) Just make up your mind to be nice! – life is way too short to be rude. About five years ago I made a decision to never again get road rage. Though there have been several times I had to bite my lip, I've never lost my temper or made foul gestures. When something happens, I breathe in and say "This is the day the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it." Then I just smile at the offended or offender. Driving is much more pleasant now. What if we all did the same? How would that affect our communities?

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Testimony of Truett Cathy

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Popular financial counselor Dave Ramsey remembered Cathy as "a godly man who loved his family well and showed us faith in the market place."

And Christian evangelist Franklin Graham, who also heads the global humanitarian outreach Samaritan's Purse, wrote on his Facebook page, "I knew Mr. Cathy for many years and had the privilege of riding motorcycles with him. He was a fine Christian gentleman who carried his Christian business principles throughout life.... He was kind and extremely generous and used the profits from his business to help others. He will be greatly missed."

Reflecting on Cathy's life and legacy, Russell Moore of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission said that, above all, Cathy "modeled integrity, hard work, and compassion. The 'closed on Sundays' sign on his stores is a countercultural statement that man does not live by bread alone, and there is more to life than a bottom line." Honor is due... See you soon Truett.

Your partners in prosperity



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"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose."

Theodor Seuss Geisel (1904-1991) American writer and illustrator from "Oh, the Places You'll Go!"

I could be wrong, but does it seem people, in general, are becoming more rude and more ill-mannered than ever before, especially during this holiday season?



Unfortunately in this day and age, where one can hide behind a computer, phone, or an SUV there's a tendency to act in ways most people would never do face-to-face. (However, some have no problem being rude face to face).

Watch any news broadcast and you can see almost daily examples of discourteous and rude behavior rampant all across America. When outside extenuating circumstances push down on people, the natural reaction is to be stressed and on-edge. This in turn is a downward spiral because the times when people are the most rude is when what's going on in the world is no excuse for rude behavior especially if you are an Ambassador for Christ.

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.
-II Corinthians 5:20

Being kind and respectful should not be affected by the situation, interaction or environment. It should be a foundational behavior and trait deep within all of us and one not easily swayed. The golden rule still applies ESPECIALLY in times of turmoil.

With this in mind, I would like to offer a few suggestions on the topic of rude people in business or your personal life.

1.) Remember the golden rule and treat others as you expect to be treated. (I think some people are confused and believe the golden rule is "do unto others before they do unto you")

So then, whatever you desire that others would do to and for you, even so do also to and for them, for this is (sums up) the Law and the Prophets.
- Matthew 7:12 (AMP)

Calendar

- 11/1 All Saints Day
- 11/4 Election Day
- 11/11 Veteran's Day
- 11/27 Thanksgiving

Jokes

Church Sign Sayings

The devil's trick is no treat

Living without God's spirit is like trying to dribble a football

Is it time to fall back to church?

Grass Withers and Flowers Fade, But The Word Of The Lord Will Stand Forever

God's season is open 24/7

God's glory shines through his creation

What's the ratio of a pumpkin's circumference to its diameter? Scroll past this image for the answer.

Pumpkin Pi!

"Quotes"

"Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile."
 ~William Cullen Bryant

"How beautifully leaves grow old. How full of light and color are their last days."

-John Burroughs



Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.
I Corinthians 9:24 (NIV)

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Motivation

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit!"
Aristotle

There's an old saying, "Repetition is the mother of skill," meaning that in order to improve or increase your performance, whether personally, professionally or financially, you must continuously and consistently practice the RIGHT HABITS! If you were to ask my eleven year old daughter Elexia or my 9 year old son Saxon "How do you get better at anything?" They will both automatically proclaim "practice"! This lesson ingrains two things.



1.J Humans are not "naturally great" at anything the first time we try it (except for breathing and a few other involuntary actions). We must repetitively practice all the while improving effectiveness and efficiency. Anyone who has ever played golf knows it's not a natural sport. There is a very low intolerance threshold. You must practice to be any good.

2.J My children are learning that they are physically and mentally capable of doing anything any other child can do if they commit their minds to the goal and continually practice. There are millions of amazing stories of how someone with a physical or mental handicap, who, against all odds, has become extraordinarily successful. Most of us are physically and mentally sound, the limiting factors boil down to our belief system or our commitment to practicing or training. Studies indicate that it takes approximately 21-30 days to create a new habit. This means that if you want to change or create a belief in your mind, it should become a natural habit after practicing it for 21-30 days.

John Dryden said, "We first make our habits and then our habits make us!"

• **Rule #1: Check you ruts.** When we have habits that are detrimental to our goals they are called ruts or "bad" habits. What are you doing habitually that isn't helping toward your goal? The first step is to identify, then put it in 4-wheel and get out of that rut. It may take drastic maneuvering, a winch or help from your friend with a tow truck (still on the "stuck in the rut" analogy). The point is whatever it takes, get out of the rut. Obviously, the deeper the rut the harder it will be. That's why it's a good idea to call for help from a friend or a professional.

• **Rule #2: Replace your rut with one new, good habit.** Commit with all your being to habitually doing the good habit for at least 21 days. After three weeks you'll find that you will actually crave your new habit and you will feel uneasy if you stop doing it. An example would be eating potato chips every night in front of the TV. Change your rut to a habit of eating dried fruit or vegetables. Better yet, go for a walk for an hour and don't eat anything. If you "play" on Facebook for an hour before you go to bed make a new habit of reading something educational (real or online).

• **Rule #3: Rinse, Repeat with all other ruts.** Here's the exciting part about replacing a rut with a good habit. It works EXPONENTIALLY and will catapult your results. Breaking the rut of eating chips is good... but if you replace it with a habit of walking for an hour you'll be astounded with the results you will get. You are physically and mentally capable of hitting all your goals! Go out and create the right habits that will get you there.



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Recommended Books

**Eat Mor Chikin:
Inspire More People**
S. Truett Cathy

**It's Better to Build Boys
Than Mend Men**
S. Truett Cathy

Testimonials

I have watched some of your videos on your website. Very important project you are doing. - Mike Fitzstephens

*Yours is a powerful and needed message, Eddie. Thanks!
- Captain Kevin Miller, USN (Ret)*

It is my intent to inform, educate, enlighten and inspire our members with a monthly newsletter.

Each month we would like to feature a local Christian Business highlights, local as well as motivation articles and stories.

If you have a motivational God story you would like us to feature, please email it to info@prosperouschristian.com

I would also like to ask our members for sincere heartfelt testimonials that we can feature each month in our newsletter.



Testimony

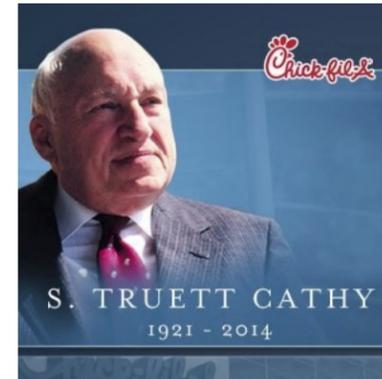
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Truett Cathy

This will be a time for you to bear testimony.
Luke 23:13

Written by Dave Bohon

Chick-fil-A founder S. Truett Cathy (shown), who died September 8 at age 93, was hailed by a wide range of leaders for his generosity and for putting his Christian convictions before his business success.



Cathy, who started in 1946 with one small restaurant selling his signature chicken sandwich, growing his business over the next 70-plus years into nearly 2,000 restaurants and annual sales exceeding \$5 billion, defied standard business practices by insisting on closing all Chick-fil-A stores on Sunday to honor the Sabbath. He once said that "if it took seven days to make a living with a restaurant, then we needed to be in some other line of work."

Reflecting on that against-the-grain decision, Cathy explained, "I was not so committed to financial success that I was willing to abandon my principles and priorities. Our decision to close on Sunday was our way of honoring God and of directing our attention to things that mattered more than our business."

Cathy told a reporter that "people appreciate your being consistent with your faith. It's a silent witness to the Lord when people go into shopping malls, and everyone is bustling, and you see that Chick-fil-A is closed." A billionaire several times over, Cathy poured much of his fortune into helping disadvantaged youth through his WinShape Foundation, and funded many Christian and conservative causes, particularly those dedicated to defending and protecting traditional families. Cathy said that he wanted to be remembered "as one who kept my priorities in the right order. We live in a changing world, but we need to be reminded that the important things have not changed. I have always encouraged my restaurant operators and team members to give back to the local community. We should be about more than just selling chicken; we should be a part of our customers' lives and the communities in which we serve."

Among those pausing to honor Truett Cathy at his passing were U.S. Representative Michele Bachmann (R-Minn.), who remembered the Christian businessman as "a remarkable man whose life was purposely lived in a manner that pointed toward the cross. Thank you for a lifetime of honorably standing strong for American free enterprise, job creation, faith in Christ, and religious liberties."

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Poem

**"November comes
And November goes,
With the last red
berries
And the first white
snows.**

**With night coming
early,
And dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket
And frost by the gate.**

**The fires burn
And the kettles sing,
And earth sinks to
rest
Until next spring."**

-Elizabeth Coatsworth