



Thursday Thought

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“Please don’t use your cell phone!”

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Verse for the week: Philippians 4:5 (NLT) “Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.”

I went to a fast food drive through recently and they had a sign that said **“Please DO NOT Use Your Cell Phone In The Drive-Thru.”** It has something to do with proper etiquette and not being rude. I didn’t know until the writing of this that there is an entire blog about drive through etiquette: <http://www.wikihow.com/Practice-Drive-Thru-Etiquette>. I’m familiar with etiquette and goodness, as my mom sent me to cotillion once. Cotillions teach manners, dinner etiquette and social dance to children and adolescents. My mother was very insistent on me having proper etiquette, so I took full advantage of the one time I attended so I wouldn’t have to go again. I believe in etiquette. I open the door for others. I strive not to talk on my cell phone in the drive thru. I turn my ringer off in church. I don’t chew my food with my mouth open. However, I must be honest, it’s annoying that while I’m at a drive through paying for and receiving my food, the server is talking to someone else on their headset. I haven’t said anything in an effort to be considerate-- but I have thought about it!

To have proper etiquette we must intentionally think. This seems like an odd statement because for many of us our minds are always going, thinking about something. Intentionally thinking means focusing on what is going on at the time. In this age of multitasking we don’t always do this well.

To have proper etiquette we must be considerate of others. This isn’t always easy to do because we are very "me" driven, but it’s necessary. **1 Corinthians 10:24 (AMP)** gives what I believe is a great definition of being considerate. It says, **“Let no one seek [only] his own good, but [also] that of the other person.”**

When we use proper etiquette, we are actually being obedient to God and being the light that He wants us to be! **Colossians 4:5-6 (NLT)** **Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. ⁶Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.**

Question to ask yourself: How good are you at practicing good manners? (If you aren’t sure what they are, Google search the word "etiquette" and you will find several websites for the practice of it.)

“Politeness and consideration for others is like investing pennies and getting dollars back.” – Thomas Sowell