

International Conversation Café

Lifestyle Topic: The Paths to Peace

The Paths to Peace are principles people have demonstrated to be true in every culture throughout the ages of time. When applied, these principles enable society to function smoothly, both in areas of civic responsibility and in family life. When rejected, relationships suffer significantly.

Principle 5 Respect Age and Experience



My Parents After 40 Years of Marriage, 1879. Jozsef Rippl-Ronai, Hungarian.
Kiscell Museum, Budapest.

- 1.** What do you notice in this work of art?
- 2.** List some ways that your parents and grandparents have contributed to your life. How do you show respect to your parents and elders? Has this changed from the way your parents showed honor to their parents and grandparents? If so, how?
- 3. Choose *a* or *b* below:**
 - a.** “I was a wonderful parent before I had children. I was an expert on why everyone else was having problems with theirs. Then I had three of my own” (Adele Faber). What are some of the most challenging aspects of parenting?
 - b.** The Bible says that parents should be honored. Jesus also said, “Anyone who wants to be my follower must love me far more than he does his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, or sisters—yes, more than his own life—otherwise he cannot be my disciple” (Luke 14:26, TLB). Is it possible to honor one’s parents but love Jesus more than them? Explain.
- 4.** Do you think that Jozsef Rippi-Ronai honored his parents in the painting? Draw your parents in a setting that honors them or reflects their values.

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