

Respect?

This word is commonly associated with someone who wants respect or with someone who gives respect to another. Many reasons exist for wanting respect, but the primal reason is self-validation.

Not everyone self-validates for good reasons. Insecure people, because they are desperate, often respect those of weak or corrupt character, like libertines or the socially or criminally dishonest or manipulative narcissists. They are not always consciously aware of this desperation either.

Properly understood, respect should be given by one who has earned it because of solid personal and interpersonal values, not given indiscriminately or capriciously based on one's own personal insecurities. *It matters a great deal to be respected by people who are themselves worthy of the highest form of respect.*