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Quote for 1Q 2019:

“Even with the most deeply held differences, treating the other person with respect as a fellow human being is always a good first step towards greater understanding.”

Queen Elizabeth II’s Christmas Message, December 25, 2018

We at WardLambert happily reflect on recent training sessions with our clients. We all learned some lessons about the importance of respect. Here are some of those lessons:

Every one of us is born with human dignity. Because we all possess human dignity, we are all worthy of respect. Dignity and respect are our due!

Respect means avoiding actions that are unwelcome or offensive to others. Here are two examples we discussed during our training.

Respecting others means refraining from ridicule. Remember the clip from A Beautiful Mind? Russell Crowe played John Forbes Nash, whose schizophrenic behavior in college drew ridicule from his classmates. By their bullying they missed the qualities of genius that led Nash to win the Nobel Prize in mathematics!

Respect also means refraining from gossip. We viewed a clip from the movie, Doubt, in which Philip Seymour Hoffman played a priest who was the subject of local gossip. In a sermon he told how another priest, Father O’Rourke, instructed a confessed gossiper to take a pillow from her bed, climb to the roof of her building, and cut open the pillow with a knife. This she did, sending feathers flying everywhere in the wind. Returning to Father O’Rourke as instructed, she was told to go back and gather up every last feather. “But, father,” she said, “it can’t be done. I don’t know where they went. The wind took them all over.” That, said Father O’Rourke, is gossip!

We know from the on-line self-assessment test we took that every one of us has room for improvement when it comes to showing respect for others. We hope these reminders help you do so.

Thanks and best wishes from your friends at WardLambert.