

# Poems about “COURTESY”

## Courtesy Vs. Meanness

Courtesy: The best of all human attributes,  
Without it, all others are difficult to maintain or  
even enact.

Attributes work best when used one on top of  
the other

Like interlocking building blocks and Courtesy  
is the cornerstone.

Would you believe someone to be honest,  
trustworthy, kind,  
Caring if they were rude or mean toward you?  
Of course not!

So, courtesy is the first and most important  
and sets up all future exchanges.

Cares not the culture or the circumstance in  
which it is used.

You only have one chance to make a good  
first impression,  
One chance to establish that you are a good  
person to deal with.  
If an introduction is made and begun with a  
discourteous attitude,  
It will be difficult for the relationship to grow or  
blossom.

Anger, condescension, resentment are stated  
expressions of being.

They are a waste of energy; rudeness is their  
tool of choice.

Meanness is the method of their delivery and  
continual lack of courtesy

Will ruin even the best of intentions, plague  
and wreck a relationship.

People will fail and let rudeness prevail but  
Courtesy can mend

The most damaged of fences if used  
sincerely.

But it must be used with the utmost of  
sincerity and regularity

Without which, courtesy is doomed to fail.

William J. (Skip) Henderson Jr.

## Manners

We must all possess them to make the world  
a better place

Be taught from young, be educated or learn  
from your own grace

From friends and family close to you  
To strangers in the street  
The feeling of being so genuinely nice  
Is easy to repeat

Please and thank you is free you know  
You do not have to pay  
And if you say it or it's said to you  
It brightens up the day

Also respect your elders  
Being kind to them where you can  
Give up your seat and open doors  
It could be your own gran

It makes you a better person  
And it seems to keep you young  
So it's good for everybody  
And your praises will be sung

So please, please, try and remember  
Through morning, noon and night  
It's free, it's easy and feels so good  
It's just called being polite!

--Billy Cobb

## Words

A careless word .... may kindle strife.  
A cruel word .... may wreck a life.  
A bitter word .... may hate instill.  
A brutal word .... may smite and kill.

A gracious word .... may soothe the way.  
A joyous word .... may light the day.  
A timely word .... may lessen stress.  
A loving word .... may heal and bless.

---The War Cry

## **Manners**

We say, "Thank you."  
We say, "Please."  
We don't interrupt or tease.  
We don't argue. We don't fuss.  
We listen when folks talk to us.  
We share our toys and take our turn.  
Good manners aren't too hard to  
learn.  
It's really easy, when you find.  
Good manners means  
JUST BEING KIND!

## **Mind Your Manners**

Don't drum on the table.  
Don't play with your food.  
Don't talk while you're chewing;  
it's terribly rude.  
Don't leave the fridge open.  
Don't slam the screen door.  
Don't throw dirty laundry  
all over the floor.  
Don't fight with your brother.  
Don't pull the cat's tail.  
Don't open your big sister's  
personal mail.  
Don't pester your parents.  
Don't stick out your tongue.  
Don't do what your parents did  
when they were young.

Bruce Lansky

## **Magic Words**

There are three little magic words  
That will open any door with ease.  
Two little words are "Thank you!"  
And the other little word is "Please!"