

Memorable Teachers

Irving Bluestein, a 78-year-old retired salesman in California, still remembers the good teachers he had in school.



There was Miss Candy, who said, “An empty wagon makes the most noise.” She taught Bluestein that a person who talks a lot often has the least to say.

Mr. Spangler and Mr. Glazer were very fair, but also very strict. Mr. Spangler, a baseball and football coach, never allowed students to con their way to good grades.

Mr. Lester was an English teacher who later went to Hollywood to be an advisor for a movie, then wrote a story that was made into a movie. Bluestein recalls that Lester had a habit of chewing on pretzels, and had a good sense of humor.

What made each of these teachers truly memorable to Bluestein, however, was this: “They got your respect without bullying you.”

The respect of others can never be dictated, legislated, demanded or required. It should never be taken for granted.



Respect from others can only be earned – through expressions of love, honesty, fairness and high moral values.

A ruler who lacks understanding is ... a great oppressor (Proverbs 28:16).

– Beecher Hunter