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As the world becomes increasingly grumpy, the courteous gentleman has the opportunity not only to make a difference in the lives of others, but also to distinguish himself.

Here are some thoughts (notes-to-self, really) on being that kind of man.

On greeting others with enthusiasm, like you're actually happy to see them--

https://t.co/eK1rfM015V

> An easy and underrated part of gentlemanly courtesy is simply being happy upon seeing friends, acquaintances, family--and showing it.
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> Nothing worse than the low energy man who cannot muster enough enthusiasm to greet people warmly.
>
> — The Chivalry Guild (@ChivalryGuild) August 19, 2021

On treating your conversations like they matter--

https://t.co/hOaVPMRWs4

> The gentleman knows that all his conversations are opportunities--to make connections, to learn from and about others, to master the art.
>
> So he does his best to be engaged in all of them, never going on autopilot, never wishing he was elsewhere, never checking his phone.
>
> — The Chivalry Guild (@ChivalryGuild) September 8, 2021

On kindness towards the overlooked--

https://t.co/pxxXDX28wp

> At a ball, it was considered very gentlemanly to dance now and then with ladies who weren't in high demand.
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> The principle still applies even if we don't do balls anymore. Treating the overlooked among us with courtesy is Chad behavior. pic.twitter.com/0O1h6hOSEc
>
> — The Chivalry Guild (@ChivalryGuild) September 3, 2021

On learning names, especially of the overlooked--

https://t.co/gCGvW6lgZW

> It is chivalrous to learn people's names and to greet them by name--especially people often overlooked (janitors, maintenance men, receptionists, etc).
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> Such habits set a man apart.
>
> — The Chivalry Guild (@ChivalryGuild) April 25, 2021

On avoiding defensiveness--

https://t.co/EBhQiuPJGF

> A real man can withstand a forceful critique, determine whether there's truth to it, and set about to correct himself if necessary. He doesn\u2019t automatically turn defensive just because someone finds fault with him. pic.twitter.com/9rbAATPv2T
>
> — The Chivalry Guild (@ChivalryGuild) September 13, 2021

On accepting compliments--

https://t.co/wyQh6olFIX

> It is highly ungentlemanly to deflect a compliment that someone offers. Don't downplay it. Don't do the fake humility thing. Don't explain why the person shouldn't be complimenting you.
>
> Just smile and say thank you.
>
> — The Chivalry Guild (@ChivalryGuild) September 16, 2021

On saying thank you the best way--

https://t.co/Qx3P9e3R1M

> Gentlemanly courtesy--
> Rather than just saying "Thank you," it's almost always better and warmer and more charming to say "Thank you for _____." The specificity makes a world of difference!

— The Chivalry Guild (@ChivalryGuild) September 11, 2021

On never dismissing others--

https://t.co/NplgHVFv2R

> Lord Chesterfield advised his son to never dismiss others as boring.
>
> Even if those you are talking to are not the most engaging, a good conversationalist will take upon himself the challenge of drawing the best out of them, remembering that everyone has something to teach him.
>
> — The Chivalry Guild (@ChivalryGuild) August 14, 2021

On embracing small talk--

https://t.co/b0tmumyVzp

> I often hear the following:
> - "Bro, I hate small talk."
> - "Small talk is so pointless."
> - "I don't want to go to a place where I'll be expected to make small talk."
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> And I have a few thoughts:
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> First, if a man despises small talk, it\u2019s probably because he\u2019s bad at it.
>
> — The Chivalry Guild (@ChivalryGuild) August 27, 2021

On not overstaying your welcome--

https://t.co/qJNYBy5a3S

> The chivalrous gentleman must take care never to overstay his welcome at dinners or parties.
>
> Well-timed exits show courtesy, grace, and decisiveness--and leave a man's hosts eager to have him over again. A great art to develop.
>
> — The Chivalry Guild (@ChivalryGuild) June 19, 2021

And, of course, your courtesy becomes all the more potent when you do it from a position of strength.

You are not nice, not domesticated, not a pushover hiding weakness behind manners--you are a potentially dangerous man who chooses kindness and warmth.