**Manners**

**Children usually face the problem of learning good table manners without seeing any. *(Evan Esar, in 20,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 501)***

**Never treat a guest like a member of the family – treat him with courtesy. *(Evan Esar, in 20,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 501)***

**Cultivate good manners, and you’ll be mistaken for a doorman. *(Evan Esar, in 20,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 501)***

**Good manners are like good digestion: if you don’t notice them, they are all right. *(Evan Esar, in 20,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 501)***

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**Good manners are made up of petty sacrifices. *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

**We sometimes meet an original gentleman who, if manners had not existed, would have invented them. *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

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**Manners are just a formal expression of how you treat people. *(Molly Ivins)***

**Good week for: Good manners, after Open AI CEO Sam Altman said the human habit of saying “please” and “thank you” to soulless AI chatbots has an upside, even though it costs “tens of millions” in electricity and computing power for AI to respond in kind. Given the high stakes of the human-machine relationship in the future, Altman said, the cost of teaching AI to be polite is money “well spent,” adding ominously, “you never know.” *(The Week magazine, May 2, 2025)***

**There are bad manners everywhere, but an aristocracy is bad manners organized. *(Henry James)***

**Much of good manners is about knowing when to pretend that what’s happening isn’t happening*. (Mrs. Falk Feeley, in A Swarm of Wasps)***

**More tears have been shed over men's lack of manners than their lack of morals. *(Helen Hathaway, writer)***

**Manners are especially the need of the plain; the pretty can get away with anything. *(Evelyn Waugh)***

**The newly rich have more comforts, but the newly poor have better manners. *(Evan Esar, in 20,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 501)***

**Manners are a sensitive awareness of the feelings of others. If you have that awareness, you have good manners, no matter what fork you use. *(Emily Post)***

**Men reserve their most cordial manners for their friends, women reserve them for their enemies. *(Evan Esar, in 20,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 501)***

**Some men operate on the theory that you don’t need road manners if you drive a five-ton truck. *(Evan Esar, in 20,000 Quips & Quotes, p. 501)***

**Good manners can open doors that the best education cannot. *(Clarence Thomas, Supreme Court Justice)***

**To succeed in the world it is not enough to be stupid, you must also be well-mannered. *(Voltaire)***

**A wise man saves his good manners for disaster; a fool practices them when they are useless. *(Ben Hecht)***

**Manners are like the zero in arithmetic; they may not be much in themselves, but they are capable ot adding a great deal to the value of everything else. *(Freya Stark, in The Journey’s Echo)***

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