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Everybody has a credo, a philosophy, and moral standards they stick to. Some might not realize it, but they do, even if their credos, philosophies, and moral standards are negative. Personally, I have a multitude of credos. Not all of them are deep, profound, world-altering credos, but I stick to them either way. Some people might ask why, well not every credo can change the world, but it could change someone’s life.

One of my personal credos is, “respect one another.” It’s a relatively simple credo, but it is also important. This credo is one that is constantly on my mind when interacting with people, or when I hear other interacting. This has always been one of my credos, because I felt like it was common practice. Nowadays all I see and hear is disrespect.

Students disrespecting teachers, children disrespecting adults, people with different religious beliefs disrespecting each other. When I was a small child I had the misconception that as human beings we would respect one another. As I grew up that credo was common practice for me, I respected my elders, authority, my peers, and even strangers. Though I also believe respect can be earned and lost. A person’s respect for another can change as fast as your opinion.

For me, respect is one of the most important things a person can show another person. To show someone respect, regardless of a conflict in interests, is the simplest way to show someone differences don’t always end in hatred or in some cases violence. Unfortunately, there are some cases where there is violence, and sometimes there’s terrible consequences of that violence. Many people have said, “Violence is never the answer,” and in these types of cases I agree. Violence doesn’t solve anything here.

As I had mentioned before, I have many credos. Another one I follow quite often is, “Only a life lived for others is a life worth living.” I believe this with all that is in me, there may be nothing that I believe in more than this credo. This credo has shaped me into the young woman I am today. Life lived for yourself is one thing, but living for others is an entirely different aspect.

This credo even influenced my career choices, when I was little I wanted to be an actress. I wanted the fame and the fortune that came with it too. Later on I realized that if I was going to be an actress I didn’t want to do it for the fame or the fortune, I wanted to do it for the people. I wanted to influence and inspire people like my favorite actors and actresses did for me. It wasn’t until I was around ten or eleven that I decided to become a veterinarian, because I wanted to dedicate my life to helping animals and helping their owners too.

After all, the quote doesn’t say that you have to life for another person, so a life revolved around helping animals follows the credo perfectly. I’m not going to live my life based on fame or fortune. I’m going to live for others, humans and animals alike, because that is my credo. I can remember the first time I thought of becoming a veterinarian. I was sitting on the couch in my living room watching a movie when it cut to commercial. Most of them were typical commercials about McDonald’s and JCPenny’s, but one caught my eye. It was a commercial about donating money to the ASPCA to save an animal. Nowadays everyone knows this commercial; pictures of animals with sad faces, Sarah McLaughlan singing in the background. Once the commercial was over I went to my mom and asked if we could donate , when she refused I figured if I couldn’t help by donating I would become a vet, to live for others.

These days I still live by my credos at every opportunity I get. I respect others opinions, and religious beliefs, even if I disagree. I live my life for others, on my way to becoming a vet, and volunteering to help with community projects. It’s relatively easy for me to follow my second credo because to me other people’s lives are more important than mine. Following credos is not always that easy though. Sometimes you have to go out of your way to respect someone or live for others, but to me it’s all worth it.