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FAMILY RULES FOR THE CHURCH: How We Treat One Another

The New Testament passages below tell us how all relationships ought to be conducted within the household of God. These principles will apply in different ways, depending upon the particular kind of relationship. Ask the Lord to give you wisdom and grace to live by them in the character and power of Christ. We need practical wisdom for this.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

In the HOME: *Wives and husbands*, how can you practice these commands in the unique relationship you have with your mate? *Parents*, how do they apply in how you treat your children (at various ages and capabilities)? *Children*, how can you practice them in ways that honor your parents?

In the CHURCH: How can you practice these commands in the manner in which you view and treat other church members, both in public and private settings?

WITH YOUR WORDS

Rejoice with one another (Rom 12:15)
Weep with one another (Rom 12:15)
Counsel one another (Rom 15:14)
Greet one another (Rom 16:16)
Give grace (Eph 4:29)
Teach / admonish one another (Col 3:16)
Encourage one another (1 Thes 5:11; Heb 3:12)
Confess your sins to one another (Jas 5:16)

WITH YOUR ACTIONS

Love one another (John 13:34)
Be kind to one another (Eph 4:32)
Wait for one another (1 Cor 11:33)
Care for one another (1 Cor 12:25)
Serve one another (Gal 5:13)
Carry one another's burdens (Gal 6:2)
Spur one another on (Heb 10:24)
Offer hospitality to one another (1 Pet 4:9)
Fellowship with one another (1 John 1:7)

WITH YOUR ATTITUDE

Submit to one another (Eph 5:21)
Be devoted to one another (Rom 12:10)
Honor one another (Rom 12:10)
Forgive one another (Eph 4:32)
Bear with one another (Col 3:13)
Be humble toward one another (1 Pet 5:5)
Pray for one another (Jas 5:16)
Listen to one another (Jas 1:19-20; Pro 20:5)

WITH YOUR UNITY

Be at peace with one other (Mark 9:50)
Live in harmony with one another (Rom 12:16)
Accept one another (Rom 15:7)
Build up one another (1 Thes 5:11)
Be joined to one another (Rom 12:5)
Agree with one another (1 Cor 1:10)
Minister gifts to one another (1 Pet 4:10)