

Family Secrets: Ground Rules

Week 3 of 4

PRAY // the only difference between a sport and a waste of time is the rules // OFFICE CURLING

If there are no rules, you're just wasting time.

Australian Rules Football // CLIP

If you don't know the rules, you can't fully enjoy the game.

Families that know joy and
purpose live by good rules.

KEY PASSAGES ON THE FAMILY

On Marriage and Divorce:

Malachi 2:16

"I hate divorce," says the LORD God of Israel, "and I hate a man's covering himself with violence as well as with his garment," says the LORD Almighty. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith.

Matthew 19:3-9

...I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery...

1 Corinthians 7:10-13

...If any brother has a wife ... and she is willing to live with him, he must not divorce her...

On Parenting:

Leviticus 18:21

Do not give any of your children to be sacrificed to Molech ...

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

... Impress them on your children. Talk about them ...

Deuteronomy 12:28

... obey all these regulations... so that it may always go well with you and your children ...

On Family Structure:

Colossians 3:18-21

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

Ephesians 5:33-6:4

However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—"that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

On Authority:

Romans 13:1

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

1 Peter 2:13-14

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men...

On Relationships In General:

1 Thessalonians 5:11-15

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, ... respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord ... Live in peace with each other. ... warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.

Also see Ephesians 4:29-32 & 1 Peter 3:8-9

Rule 1: Our Family Respects Authority.

PARENTS, YOU CAN'T EXPECT... / HUSBANDS, YOU CAN'T EXPECT...

The Authority Flow-Chart:

GOD -> HIS WORD -> LEADERS (gov, church, boss) -> ((HUSBAND -> WIFE)) -> CHILDREN
KINDS OF RESPECT: OBEDIENCE / SUBMISSION / HONOR

Rule 2: Our Family Exemplifies Love.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...
Ephesians 5:25

ONE-SIDED, FULL-ABANDON, 1 CORINTHIANS 13

Rule 3: Our Family is a Refuge from the World.

But since there is so much immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband. The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife.

1 Corinthians 7:2-4

DIFFERENT: KIND OF ECONOMY (! quid pro quo) / THOUGHTS ON MONEY / UNDERSTANDING OF SEX

Rule 4: Our Family Handles Conflict with Grace and Truth.

☞ Focus on what's clearly true.

☞ Identify the real needs.

☞ Apply family grace to the needs.

ILL: A FEW YEARS AGO, I WAS ANGRY, JEN DIDN'T TRUST ME WITH THE KIDS, I CHECKED OUT

CONCLUSION: YOU CANNOT HAVE AUTHORITY UNLESS ... / SHOW LOVE UNLESS ... / BE A REFUGE
... / GIVE GRACE AND TRUTH ... / YOU MUST KNOW JESUS!