House Rules Kingdom Living 2021 March, 14

Colossians 3: 15 – 4:6 (NASB)

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The <u>foundation</u> of healthy relationships is first to love God and second to love and serve others.

Matthew 22: 37-40 (NASB)

John 15:12-14 (NASB)

12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command.

Luke 9:23 (NASB)

Colossians 3:18,19 (NASB)

Genesis 2:24 (NASB) Mark 10:8 (NASB)

House Rule #1) Loving our spouse is not based on their <u>behavior</u> but is an outpouring of Christ's love in us.

Colossians 3:20,21 (NASB)

House Rule #2) Parenting is Disciple Making. Be someone that is worth following.

Colossians 3:22-4:1 (NASB)

House Rule #3) As a Christian we should be the best **Employee**.

Colossians 4:2-6 (NASB)

House Rule#4) We need to stay focused on the <u>Gospel mission</u> and not be distracted by the culture around us.

House Rule#5) Our conduct with other believers and the world should <u>loving</u>.

1 John 4:7-8 (NASB)

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Ephesians 4:29 (NASB)

29Let no unwholesome word come out of your mouth, but if there is any good word for edification according to the need of the moment, say that, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

Study Notes

- 1. What are some "House Rules" that you grew up with? Did you come from a strict family with lots of rules or a family with no rules? How did that change how you parent?
- 2. In the church it seems easy to get people to discuss theology or do Bible studies but exceedingly difficult to discuss relational issues. Why do you think that is? How do we as a life group move beyond the surface level and begin dealing with relational heart issues?
 - What are the barriers to going deeper relationally with one another?
 - Are these barriers an acceptable reason for not building relationships?
 - Is God Relational? Can our view of God impact of we relate to others?

Read Hebrews 10:4, Romans 12:10, Psalm 139:13-18