

- 1. We obey God.
- 2. We love, honor, and pray for one another.
- 3. We tell the truth.
- 4. We consider one another's interests ahead of our own.
- 5. We speak quietly and respectfully with one another.
- 6. We do not hurt one another with unkind words or deeds.
- 7. When someone needs correction, we correct him in love.
- 8. When someone is sorry, we forgive him.
- 9. When someone is sad, we comfort him.
- 10. When someone is happy, we rejoice with him.



- 11. When we have something nice to share, we share it.
- 12. When we have work to do, we do it without complaining.
- 13. We take good care of everything that God has given us.
- 14. We do not create unnecessary work for others.
- 15. When we open something, we close it.
- 16. When we take something out, we put it away.
- 17. When we turn something on, we turn it off.
- 18. When we make a mess, we clean it up.
- 19. When we do not know what to do, we ask.
- 20. When we go out, we act just as if we were in this house.
- 21. When we disobey or forget any of the 21 Rules of This House, we accept the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

GUIDE

Focusing on Rules Can Send Mixed Messages

- For rule followers, the message can be . . .
- For rule breakers, the message can be . . .



Matthew 5:17

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them"



• No matter how hard we try, we cannot keep the rules (Matthew 5:21-27).



Matthew 5:17-18

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished." **BEING THE** GUIDE

Matthew 5:19-20

"Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will CERTAINLY NOT enter the **BEING THE** kingdom of heaven." GUIDE

- No matter how hard we try, we cannot keep the rules (Matthew 5:21-27).
- Jesus does for us what we cannot do for ourselves (Philippians 3:8-10).



Striving to Be "Good Enough" Runs Deep!

- It will sabotage our mission.
- It will sabotage our community.
- It will sabotage our identity.

