

That's not to say _____ between children can't be recognized.

RULES FOR FAMILY LIVING

Mark 12:28-44

We are all unique and uniquely _____, but no one is more _____ than any other.

Introduction:

Some fathers like to exercise their authority by making _____ for everything, but too _____ rules only confuse and condemn.

_____ ourselves over others very easily leads us to take _____ of them.

By Jesus' day the rabbis had identified _____ individual statutes in the Law, including one "_____ _____" for every day of the year.

God's gifts to us are to be used to express our _____ for God and others, not to _____ anyone.

If fathers would teach and encourage their children to follow these _____ rules there would be no need for exhaustive and exhausting rulemaking _____.

If we are to enjoy life in the family of _____, the family of _____, and in our _____, we must make certain all know they are loved by God and of _____ before Him.

I. LOVE GOD

Mark 12:28-31

The formula for success in family living is simple; love _____, make Jesus _____, and avoid sibling _____.

The entire Old Testament can be distilled into one simple rule for life, _____.

_____ play a crucial role in teaching their children to love God.

It's not enough to teach kids to go to _____ and pay their _____ to God.

They must learn to love Him with all their _____, _____, _____ and _____.

Fathers must express their love _____ and _____ if they want their children to love God openly and freely.

The second part of the foremost command is that we love our _____ as ourself.

Mark 12:32-34

Just loving God and trying to live by the Golden Rule, however, is _____ enough to put one into the family of God.

II. MAKE JESUS LORD

Mark 12:35-37

What was lacking in the scribe's relationship with God was his understanding of who the _____ is.

Jesus was David's _____, and must be Lord of _____ who would be in the family of God.

Our relationship to Christ is the key to successful relationships in the _____.

It's our _____ to the lordship of Christ that enables us to be what He desires for us to be to each other.

III. AVOID SIBLING RIVALRY

Mark 12:38-44

A father who shows _____ to one child over another is planting seeds of _____ in his family.