

— Deuteronomy 8.1-6 —  
Biblical Parenting 4  
**Godly House Rules**

Deut 8.1 “Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers. 2 And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. 3 So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD. 4 Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. 5 You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you. 6 Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him.

**Issue:** What kind of rules should you adopt in your home to teach your children biblical love and wisdom and move them from outside to inside their hearts?

\* **God’s** household commands were \_\_\_\_\_active, not \_\_\_\_\_active. Whether it was, “You shall have no other gods before me,” or “You shall not commit adultery,” or “You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing” (Dt 5.7, 18; 25.4), God’s household commands imposed \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_responsibilities that taught and applied the law of love and wisdom.

\* **What** are some of the values taught by God’s house rules?

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Deut 5.29 “Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me ... that it might be well with them”

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Lev 19.32 “You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man and fear your God: I am the LORD”

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Exo 22.21 “You shall neither mistreat a stranger nor oppress him ... 22 You shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child ... 25 If you lend money to any of My people who are poor ... you shall not charge him interest.”

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Luke 16.10 He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. 11 Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful in what is another man’s, who will give you what is your own?

\* **God’s** house rules were intended to \_\_\_\_\_the hearts of his children.

Deut. 8.2 And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart ...

\* **God’s** house rules gave opportunity for his children to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

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\* **God’s** house rules gave God opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

Deut 8.5 “You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you ... 16 ... that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end”

\* **Example:** Gregg Harris *The 21 Rules of This House*

- We obey our Lord Jesus Christ.
- We love, honor, and pray for one another.
- We tell the truth.
- We consider one another’s interests ahead of our own.

- *We speak quietly and respectfully with one another.*
- *We do not hurt one another with unkind words or deeds.*
- *When someone needs correction, we correct him in love.*
- *When someone is sorry, we forgive him.*
- *When someone is sad, we comfort him.*
- *When someone is happy, we rejoice with him.*
- *When we have something nice to share, we share it.*

(5) Reveals the \_\_\_\_\_.

(6) Gives you opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

(7) Allows you to demonstrate \_\_\_\_\_ yourself.

(8) Prepares your children for life as a \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

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

\* **Notice** the duty to \_\_\_\_\_.

\* **In sum**, imitating God's household:

(1) Saves a ton of \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Produces \_\_\_\_\_ and security.

(3) Puts proper \_\_\_\_\_ on your children.

(4) Gives them an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ or fail.