

**CrossRoads Community Church**  
**Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of January 17, 2021**  
***"Tis the Season..."***

**"...To Relate to Others," Ephesians 5:21 – 6: 4**

To say "Tis the Season" almost always brings the follow-up phrase "to be jolly," or many other phrases that apply to the Christmas season. As we navigate this new year, what "season" are we in as a country, a church, a family, as individuals? The Apostle Paul, from a prison in Rome, tells the church at Ephesus to "walk carefully, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil." How do we apply this truth to these days of crises we find ourselves living in?

**TODAY'S TRUTH** Many would like to think that turning the page on our calendars would bring an end to the trials that we have faced this past year. The past few weeks remind us that the trials do not end, but our response to those trials and struggles is what matters.

**The Bible calls us to love others, obeying God, beginning with how we treat our families.**

**1. CONTINUAL REVERENCE FOR THE FATHER**

***Ephesians 5:21 "submitting to one another in the fear of God.***

- ***Sovereignty of the Lord – Colossians 1:16-17***
- ***Sanctity of Life – Psalm 139:13-14, Mark 12: 16-17***

**2. COMPASSIONATE RELATIONSHIPS WITH FAMILY**

***Eph. 5:31- 6:1 "Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."***

- ***Love – Ephesians 5:2***
- ***Respect – Proverbs 31:12***
- ***Obedience - Colossians 3:20***
- ***HOW TO SPELL RESPECT TO YOUR HUSBAND***  
***Appreciate his desire...:***
  - ***Conquest - ...to work and achieve***
  - ***Hierarchy – ...to provide and protect***
  - ***Authority – ...to lead and serve***
  - ***Insight – ...to analyze and counsel***
  - ***Relationship – ...to relate physically***
- ***HOW TO SPELL LOVE TO YOUR WIFE***
  - ***Closeness – connect with her***
  - ***Openness – open up to her***
  - ***Understand – listen, don't try to fix***
  - ***Peacemaking – say you're sorry***
  - ***Loyalty – she needs to know you're committed***
  - ***Esteem- honor and cherish her***

**3. COMMITTED RESPONSE IN FAITH**

***Eph. 6:6 "not with eyeservice, as menpleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart."***

- ***Submit – Philippians 2: 3-4***

**CONCLUSION**

***"Tis the Season" to (Relate to Others by:)***

- ***Engage the Issue***
- ***Educate ourselves***
- ***Evangelize others***

## **QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

***Open: Describe your relationship with your family.***

- 1. What does it mean to you to revere God? How do you live that out?***
- 2. Read Mark 12: 13-17. If we're all made in the image of God, how do we render this to God? How do we help those whose lives aren't valued by society?***
- 3. How do you feel when you hear the word submit? How do we submit to one another?***
- 4. Discuss "How to spell respect to your husband." What does this look like in today's world?***
- 5. Discuss "How to spell love to your wife." Is this possible?***
- 6. How do you raise children in the fear and admonition of the Lord?***
- 7. How do we apply Philippians 2: 3-4?***
- 8. Read Revelation 3: 7-8 again. PLEASE PRAY for our occupancy permit, that God would open the door to our church that no one can close. Pray also for our unity, our ministry, and your involvement.***