

CrossRoads Community Church
Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of January 24, 2021
"Tis the Season..."

"...To Respect Others," Ephesians 6: 1-9

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 A new president was sworn in this past week. Many are rejoicing for the "change" that is coming, and others are fearful our country's foundations are being shaken. Our response is not to trust in what men can do, but what God has called us to do.

The Bible calls us to live in a spirit of respect for others, at home and in the workplace.

1. BEGINNING IN THE HOME

Ephesians 6:2 "Honor your father and mother,' which is the first commandment with promise: 'that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.'"

- ***Living with Authority– Deut. 6: 5-7, Matt. 25:40***
- ***Living under Authority – Proverbs 1: 8-9***

THE FAMILY ENGERIZING CYCLE – by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs

GIVE – not too little, not too much

UNDERSTAND – walk in their shoes

INSTRUCT – not too much, just enough

DISCIPLINE–Confront, Correct, Comfort

ENCOURAGE – equip them to succeed and not lose heart

SUPPLICATE - pray

2. AS BONDSERVANTS AT HEART

Ephesians 6:5 "Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as unto Christ."

- ***Responsive – Matthew 6:24***
- ***Reverent – Romans 6:16,22***
- ***Rewarded – Matt. 16:27***
- ***Restful – Deuteronomy 5:15***

3. AS BASED IN HEAVEN

Ephesians 6:9 "... knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him."

- ***Release – 1 Peter 3: 8-11***
- ***Relationship –1 Peter 3:12***

CONCLUSION

"Tis the Season" to Respect Others by:

- ***Endeavoring to Change***
- ***Educating/Encouraging the Children***
- ***Engaging with Christlikeness***

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Open: Describe your home life. Is Jesus Christ central to how you treat one another?

- 1. Why is your relationship with Christ the primary foundation for how you relate to others? At home? At work?**
- 2. How well do you live with authority? Live under authority?**
- 3. In Eggerichs' GUIDE for dealing with children, which point is your strongest? Weakest?**
- 4. What does honoring our parents look like as we / they age?**
- 5. Discuss having a bondservant's attitude at work. At home, do you take time to rest (i.e., keep a Sabbath?).**
- 6. Where is the biblical balance between having your focus on eternal things and yet providing for necessities on earth?**
- 7. When is it right and when is it wrong to make a job change? Give biblical support?**
- 8. Read Revelation 3: 7-8 again. THANK GOD for our occupancy permit, that God would continue to open doors of ministry that no one can close. Pray also for our unity, and your involvement.**