



## Rules of the House

*By Johnny Caruso on August 18, 2021*

### **TODAY'S READING:** 1 Timothy 3

I don't know about you, but when I was growing up our house had rules. It would not be much of a surprise to those who know me that I broke the rules daily. Some of the rules were:

- Be nice to your sisters.
- Listen to the grownups in charge (which included the babysitter).
- No hitting, kicking, biting or throwing things in the house.
- Say "Thank you."
- Don't take things out of someone else's hands.
- No yelling (although the adults did not follow this rule).
- Keep your feet off the furniture.
- Shirts on at the dinner table.
- When you are called for dinner you had better come.
- Fun comes after homework and all your chores are finished (which meant no fun).

Every house has its rules. What was a rule in your household? Most house rules make sense, but then there were those that make you scratch your head.

Things have changed since I was a child with the toxic political and social environment. Personal insults and character assassination often win out over intelligent discussion and sharing ideas. But in God's house there is a strain of common sense wisdom from God's Word that saturates the rules.

God's Word is the standard, though the world tries to get a foot hold and corrupt it. In chapter 3, the Holy Spirit gives us a glimpse of the positions of authority in the church. Paul then tells Timothy he hopes to see him soon. We do not know if that meeting ever took place. If it had, Paul was ready to lay out how they were to act in the house of God. I find it interesting that some churches today do not know how to behave and certainly do not rightly discern the Word of God. I praise the Lord that we at FBC Fort Mill do not suffer much from that.

**PRAYER:** Lord, thank You for a church and fellowship that uses Your Word as a road map to godliness and how we are to behave in the house of God.

### **TOMORROW'S READING:** 1 Timothy 4

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