

BREAKING THE RULES

Part 1 – Ancient Family
February 7, 2016

(1 Corinthians 1:18-20) For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

(1 Corinthians 1:25) For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

The New Norm

(Romans 1:22-25 NLT) Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles.

So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator Himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen.

✓ We gave up on _____ and
settled for the _____.

(Romans 12:2 Message) Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out.

✓ We followed our _____ instead of
our _____.

(Romans 8:6 NLT) So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

✓ We trusted _____ more than
we trusted _____.

(Proverbs 3:5-6) Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Ancient Family

(Jeremiah 6:16) This is what the LORD says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls."

1. _____ home.

(Isaiah 53:6) We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way...

(1 Corinthians 13:5 LB) ...Love does not demand its own way.

2. _____ communication.

(Proverbs 13:17) A wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a trustworthy envoy brings healing.

3. _____ romance.

(Proverbs 5:18-19) Rejoice in the wife of your youth... May you ever be captivated by her love.

4. _____ differences.

(Mark 3:25) If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

(Proverbs 24:3 GN) Homes are built on the foundation of wisdom and understanding.

5. _____ together.

(Malachi 2:16) So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful to the wife of your youth. "The man who hates and divorces his wife," says the LORD, the God of Israel, "does violence to the one he should protect," says the LORD Almighty. So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful.

6. _____ God.

(Psalm 127:1) Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

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1. Hurry home.

(Isaiah 53:6) We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way...

(1 Corinthians 13:5 LB) ...Love does not demand its own way.

2. Cultivate communication.

(Proverbs 13:17) A wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a trustworthy envoy brings healing.

3. Nourish romance.

(Proverbs 5:18-19) Rejoice in the wife of your youth... May you ever be captivated by her love.

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