THE BIBLE RULE BOOK Psalm 119:105 Father's Day 2019

INTRODUCTION:

- 1. The benefit of knowing the "Rule Book" is vital to giving sound direction for life.
- 2. Psalm 119:105

I. GOD'S WORD IS PERSONAL

A. TAKE IT ONE STEP AT A TIME

- 1. Vs 105
 - a) "*lamp*"
- 2. The oil lamps in Biblical days were a far cry from the lights we have available to us today.
- 3. They were small oil lamps, providing just enough light for a person to see their next step as they walked, or to illuminate a small corner of the room.
- 4. God has designed life in such a way that we are to trust Him one step @ a time.

B. IT'S FOR YOU!

- 1. Vs 105
 - a) "my"
- 2. Jeremiah 29:13
- 3. God will reveal Himself to those who seek Him.
 - a) Dad, your job is to make the right calls for your family.
 - b) Which places a high priority on knowing the rulebook.
- 4. The Personal nature of Spiritual guidance is a testimony to the fact that God wants to have a deeply personal and intimate relationship with you through His word.
 - a) Each day we should ask: "Lord, what do you want to say to me today? What would you like me to do?"

- 5. God's direction for a big decision will never contradict His Word.
- 6. God desires that we seek His mind and will for every area of our lives.
 - a) We can benefit from other believer's wisdom, and we need Godly friends.
 - b) However, we cannot make life decisions off of someone else's relationship with God.

II. IN GOD'S WORD THERE IS BLESSING

A. BE CAREFUL WHO YOU LISTEN TO

- 1. My job is to give the best possible Biblical advice I can.
 - a) That's what pastor's do.
 - 1) Marital
 - 2) Family
 - 3) Addictions
 - b) But my advice must be anchored in God's Word.

2.1 Corinthians 1:25

B. BE AWARE OF SATAN'S GOAL

- 1. Our humanity has been corrupted by sin.
 - a) Therefore our personal advice has issues.

2. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

- 3. **Point**: Satan will do whatever it takes so that you don't find God's direction in your life.
 - a) And he is a MASTER at building walls in the minds of BELIEVERS. How?
 - 1) Through ungodly and unbiblical ways of thinking.
 - 2) Through bad habits, attitudes and addictions.
 - 3) Through anything that keeps us from God's Word and finding His will.
 - b) And these walls/partitions can only be destroyed by using the right weapons.
 - 1) The Word
 - 2) Prayer
 - 3) Fasting

- 4. Satan operates the best when we operate in the realm of the flesh and not the spirit.
- 5. Ephesians 6:13-17

III. GOD'S WORD NEEDS TO BE "AT HOME" IN YOU

- 1. Colossians 3:16
 - a) "Let the Word of Christ richly dwell within you"
- 2. Ephesians 5:18-21
 - a) "filled with the Spirit"
- 3. This is the Holy Spirit's ministry of making the Word real to us.
- 4. Colossians 3:16
 - a) "dwell" which means to let the Spirit and the Word make themselves at home in your heart.
- 5. Ephesians 5:18
 - a) "And do not get drunk with wine"
- 6. Colossians 3:17
 - a) God's direction comes as His Word permeates our minds.
- 7. Romans 12:1-2
 - a) "renewing of your mind"
 - 1) To renew your mind is to change your thinking; which is vital because every decision in life is related to the way you think.