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**Sunday**

RESPONDING

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Use the word chart to write out the text that tells us how we should treat others. To find the first word, find the word in the chart that correlates to E7. The second word will correlate to A5. Each word will follow the same pattern. Not all words are used.

"E7 A5 D2 F4, C2, B1 E3 C7 D4 B3, B6 D2 D6 A2 F3 A3 F7 A6, F5, C3 F1

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Tuesday

REFLECTING

Read Ephesians 5:1, NKJV.

Young people are clearly heard by the Savior when they ask, “What’s the point of all this?” The Savior smiles and says, “I knew you were going to ask that because I made you in such a way that you would ask that question!” (Read Deuteronomy 6:20.) God’s goal has never been for us to mindlessly obey a bunch of rules. God wants us to know Him, and to be changed into His image by getting a look at Him through His rules. God has given us some windows into His living room to see what He is like. So the question “What’s the point?” should be “Who’s the point?” Often the question “Who gets to make the rules?” is asked in a sassy, confrontational way—challenging authority and demanding independence. But if it becomes an honest question about knowing the “who,” then there is a God who is eager to reveal the answer to us.

In every culture there are values—written or unstated rules that people live by. Also in every culture there are heroes, people who are the very picture of what that culture believes to be good, right, and true. Christ is our greatest hero, who banishes the ridiculous claim that Christianity is all about rules. Christians are all about a Person. The marks of that Person (love, kindness, goodness, honesty, peace, courage, etc.) make the world a better place.

Wednesday

BIBLE INSIGHTS

Look up the following Bible texts and fill in the blanks.

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