**Making the Most of Every Opportunity**

**“In Our Relationship with Family”**

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Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Ephesians 5:15-16 (New International)

**Every relationship brings opportunities.**

**[Rajan & Reena Video]**

**In each relationship, we are to follow Jesus’ example.**

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light. Ephesians 5:8 (New International)

and find out what pleases the Lord. Ephesians 5:10 (New International)

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**We need to identify our distractions.**

**Key components to healthy relationships: Submission & Sacrifice.**

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Ephesians 5:21 (New International)

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**A healthy marriage is built on submission and sacrifice.**

Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. Ephesians 5:22 (New International)

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Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. Ephesians 5:25 (New International)

However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. Ephesians 5:33 (New International)

**The inner strength of a child is found in their willingness to honor their parents.**

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

Ephesians 6:1-3 (New International)

**Parents have a responsibility to lead their children with love and honor.**

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4 (New International)

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