# Hirn Family Rule Book

As for me and my house, we will serve Yehovah!



### **Attitude**

### **Attitude Goes a Long Way!!!**

"A Merry Heart does good, like medicine: But a Broken Spirit Dries up the Bone."

Proverbs 17:22

"Do All Things without Complaining and Disputing, that You may become Blameless and Harmless,

Children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse Generation, among whom you Shine as Lights in the World."

Philippians 2:14-15

Your attitude is your choice. No one can make you mad or glad.

We expect you to control your own attitude, and to treat everyone with the respect you want to be treated with. Not Just when you are with us, but always.



(If you need an attitude adjustment, we understand, and encourage you to ask to leave a situation to adjust your attitude.)

## **Body Language**

### **Attitude drives Behavior.**

"For you were bought with a price, therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's."

#### 1 Corinthians 6:20

A worthless person, a wicked man, Walks with a perverse mouth; He winks with his eyes, He shuffles his feet, He points with his fingers; Perversity is in his heart, He devises evil continually, He sows

discord.

#### Proverbs 6:12-14

Your body language is a result of your attitude. An example of bad body language is when you roll your eyes, stomp your feet, or slump your shoulders.





Examples of good body language are looking at someone when they are speaking to you, responding politely when spoken to, and walking when sent to your room.

We expect you to work on your body language, and take correction when given.

(If we see you are struggling to control your body language we will give you one verbal word of encouragement. If you can not get yourself under control, we will then ask you to go make an attitude adjustment, and then return to us.)

# **Babysitting**

# I can be responsible and serve my family by helping care for others.

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."

Ephesians 6:1-4



But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

1 Timothy 5:8

### Be responsible:

We are leaving you in charge of our most precious assets. We expect you to be responsible, loving, kind, and patient, and to follow all instructions we leave with you.

## Watch and Play:

You should know where everyone is at all times. You should be interacting with the children, and not separated from them by devices or rooms.

## **Keep the house Clean:**

The house should always look better when we get home than when we left. It is your responsibility to make sure the children clean up after themselves.

### Call Us:

Please call if anyone is in danger or causing others to be in danger.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Colossians 3:23-24

# How to behave when mom and dad leave someone else in charge.

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Romans 12:10

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.

Philippians 2:3

When we leave someone else in charge of your care, we expect you to treat them with the same respect you treat us. We expect you to be on your very best behavior whenever you are not with us.

- You are to treat everyone with respect and honor at all times, but especially when we are not with you.
- You are to listen and obey.
- You are to go to bed when told.
- There is to be no fighting or monkey business.

- You are to stay inside if the caregiver is under 18 years of age.
- You are to clean up after yourself.
- No cooking without permission.
- No leaving without permission.
- You are to follow all instructions we give you before we leave.









# **Bedtime**



I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.

Psalms 3:5

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety. Psalms 4:8

When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. Proverbs 3:24

## A time and place to lay down and sleep is a gift from God.

Bedtime is determined by your behavior and maturity. Bedtime can change daily as needed. Sleep is essential for growth both mentally and physically.

All school, jobs, and other necessary daily tasks should be completed before 8:30 pm.

## General bedtime guidelines:

Age 12 and under: 9 pm

Age 13-17: 10 pm

Age 17 and older: No bedtime, as long as you don't bother others.

You stay inside the house after 10 pm.

You always get up the next morning with a good attitude on time.

If not, the following day you will go to bed at 10 pm.

Stay up late nights are Friday and Saturday nights. Everyone who goes to bed on time during the week will be allowed to stay up late on Friday and Saturday. Those who do not go to bed properly will be required to go to bed at 9 pm on the weekend.



# **JOBS**

Jobs are a blessing to everyone in a family. Jobs allow us to serve each other, and remind us that we are an important member of the family.

We love a clean and organized home.

Even small children are known by their actions, so is their conduct really pure and upright? Proverbs 20:11

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.

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Colossians 3:23-24

- Jobs are assigned by ability and maturity. Privileges are given to those who are responsible to do their jobs. More jobs means more mature.
- Jobs are to be done on time, efficiently, and correctly with a good attitude.

- There are two types of jobs:
   Job Zones and As needed Jobs.
- Job zones are to be done after morning school before lunch, and at 5 pm daily.
- As needed jobs are done as needed. Examples are meal jobs, animal care, laundry, etc.
- All jobs are to be done by 8:30 pm, and if you can not do your job you are required to find a substitute.

# Consequences for not doing your daily jobs will result in lose of privileges until all jobs are completed correctly.



# **Preparation Day!!**

Preparation day is the day we prepare our heart, mind, and home for Sabbath.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.



2 Timothy 2:15

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. "

Exodus 20:8



- Prepare yourself by laying out your clothes for the next day, showering your body, and caring for all grooming needs.
- Prepare your bedroom by making your bed, and cleaning your room.
- Help younger siblings bath and prepare as needed.
- Help with meals as needed.
- Care for all animal needs as much as possible.
- Complete all your work before sundown on Friday.



Remember a busy preparation day makes for a restful Sabbath day.



## Sabbath is a gift from Yehovah to us.

Then Yeshua said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."

Mark 2:27

Keep my Sabbaths holy, that they may be a sign between us. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God."

Ezekiel 20:20

We expect you to keep the Sabbath day Holy as it is a gift and blessing from Yehovah to us.

Complete all your work by sundown (or 6 pm) on Friday night.

Rest and do no work until sundown (or 6 pm) Saturday. (We keep a 24 hour sabbath.)



Attend weekly fellowship unless ill or special circumstances are involved.

Take time to remember that Yehovah is our Creator and Redeemer.

Listen to or read the Torah.



(when Sabbath ends, everyone is expected to help in the post Sabbath clean up.)

# Time Management/Accountability

"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

Psalms 90:12







Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

**Ephesians 5:15-17** 

It is essential to learn to manage oneself and time in order to succeed in a large family.

We are blessed to have many jobs and opportunities outside our home. Therefore, it is necessary that we all communicate our schedules and plans with one another often. We are blessed with a beautiful home, property, and animals. In order to maintain a well functioning home everyone needs to do their part in communication.

- We expect everyone to put their schedule on the weekly board on Sunday.

- We expect everyone to update the monthly calendar weekly.
- We expect you to give us verbal updates often, and as soon as you know them.
- We expect you to use your time wisely and report in to parents where you will be and what you will be doing.

(Don't wait for parents to ask you what you are doing, be proactive in being accountable.)

## **Electronic Devices**

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable if anything is excellent or praiseworthy think about such things.

### **Philippians 4:8**

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

### Proverbs 28:13



# With Privilege comes Responsibility!

- Always ask permission before using electronics from parents and owner of device.
- Electronics should be kept and used on the main floor unless given special permission.
- **Do not** ask to be on electronics unless you have completed all school work, jobs, and grooming responsibilities, and have treated others with respect.
- Wearing ear buds is limited to times when you are alone and do not need to communicate with others, and can only be in for a maximum of 30 minutes at a time.
- All phones and handheld devices are to be turned off at 11 pm each night.
- School days (Monday thru Thursday) electronic use is limited to 15 minutes per day.
- Weekends (Friday evening to Sunday evening) electronic use is limited to 30 minutes per day.
- All devices are to be registered with mom on Qustido.

We trust you to use electronic devices wisely, guarding your heart and mind.

Misuse of devices will have serious consequences.







# Do Your Best!

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.

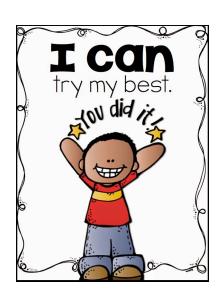
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Colossians 3:23-24

Everyone makes mistakes. We are far from perfect. We realize you will make mistakes, and you are not perfect. But, we expect you to always do your very best at whatever you do. We can tell when you work hard and try, and we will do our best to acknowledge your efforts. We will also do our best to encourage you and motivate you.

- No excuses for bad behavior.
- Treat people with Respect.
- Treat people's property with respect.
  - Speak up loud and clear.
    - Stand up straight.
    - · Hirn's work hard.
    - Obey right Away.
      - Be Honest.
      - Have Integrity.





Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But each one must examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another. For each one will bear his own load. The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

Galatians 6:1-10

# **Help Others**

# One of the best ways to do your best is to help others.

In a large family there are lots of opportunities to serve and care for others. We expect you to see the needs of others as opportunities to serve God and your family.

Every time you serve you grow into the person Yehovah created you to be.

Helping others isn't always about teaching, training, correcting, or guiding. It is about meeting someone at their point of need. That may mean you have to do all the work yourself.

### The best leadership starts with a servants heart.









# **Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Marijuana**



"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. Exodus 20:12

In our home, we choose to have **no tolerance** for illegal drug use, tobacco, alcohol, or marijuana.

This is our personal standard. When you become of age, we will happily discuss our standard with you, so that you can make the best choice for yourself.

But as long as you live in our home you are expected to honor and obey our rules.

# **Tattoos and Piercings**

'Do not cut your bodies for the dead or put tattoo marks on yourselves. I am the Lord.

#### Leviticus 19:28

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

#### **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

Although, we respect a persons choice to get a tattoo or piercings that do not honor the dead, in our home, we do not allow tattoos or body piercing. With the exception of a girl getting one set of ear piercing at age 10 or older.

# **Make up and Hair**

I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.

### 1 Timothy 2:9-10

Make up can be worn by girls age 13 and older. All make up should be worn in a very natural way. Mom used to be a make up consultant, and would love to teach you about make up.

Hair cuts and color are great ways to express yourself. We ask you to get permission before making any drastic changes.







# **Friendships**

Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

1 Corinthians 15:33

He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will suffer harm.

Proverbs 13:20

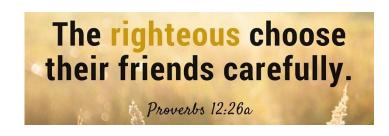


# Family are our first friends, and our forever friends. Family makes for the best of friendships.

Friendships take time and energy. Being a good friend is hard work. Choosing friends worthy of that time, energy, and hard work is an important job.

Friends influence and impact our lives, and having too many meaningless friendships creates a meaningless life. Choosing a couple friends that bless and benefit our lives, and we do the same for them, makes life exciting and purposeful.

We want you to have meaningful and beneficial friendships. If we see that you are developing friendships that are causing you distress or distracting you from who God is calling you to be, we will step in and help you make better friend choices.





# School



Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

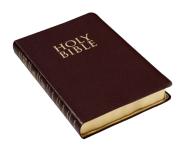
### SCHOOL IS YOUR JOB!!!!!!!

**School is extremely important to us.** We expect you to take your schoolwork seriously. You are responsible to complete your school work and turn it in on time. The focus of our school is God's Word, and our goal is for you to graduate knowing who God is and who you are in relationship to Him, so that you can find your purpose in His Kingdom and walk in it.

Because school is so important to us, we offer rewards for completing certain tasks.

| Reward         |
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| \$1            |
| \$1            |
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| Large reward   |
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| Smaller Reward |
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| Party          |
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Responsible students are encouraged to learn skills and trades outside of the school books. We encourage you to find opportunities to volunteer, work, and learn in other environments. Responsible students may work outside of the home a total of two days per week during the school term, and may also take a summer job if all schooling is on target.

# Courtship

He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord.

Proverbs 18:22

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

1 Corinthians 6:17-18

# We practice courtship in this family. Boys and girls are good friends at any age.

If you find you are interested in getting to know someone of the opposite sex more, we want you to come and discuss your interest with us.

We believe that a young man or woman needs to be ready to consider marriage before they enter into a courtship.

We do not allow dating.

A courtship is when two people spend time together, in a family environment, intentionally to get to know one another better. The purpose of courtship is to determine if they would like to become engaged to marry.

Engagement is when two people have decided that they want to marry, and agree to make plans for their wedding. Engagement should be proposed to parents, before the person of interest.

Once engagement is established, we will discuss rules of engagement with the couple, and hopefully, the other set of parents.







# Kitchen, Pantry, and Meals

For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.

2 Thessalonians 3:10

lf you eat here, you clean here!

A clean kitchen makes for a happy home. Please clean up after yourself. If you use a dish, then wash, dry, and put it away. If you use the stove, oven, counter, table, etc. Clean it up.

We love help in the kitchen with meals and snacks. Always ask before getting any food out. You may write your meal or snack suggestions on a post it and put it on the fridge. We will do our best to add your suggestions to our menu.

The menu will be posted on the fridge and whiteboard, please check there before asking what we are having for dinner.

**Ask first.** We have plenty of food on hand, but you need to ask before you eat. If you do not like what we are eating at a meal, you may quietly make yourself a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

Food is to be kept and eaten in the kitchen and dinning room.

(Children over the age of 13 may eat in living room or family room on special occasions.)

If you get it out, put it away, right away.











Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

James 3:5-8

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Psalms 19:14

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

Ephesians 4:29

But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.

Matthew 12:36

- Please show respect to all people and don't use any language that you would not want
   God to hear you use, no foul language or slang, in our home or anywhere.
- Please be careful of how you use strong words, such as, can't, hate, stupid, love, no, never, always, and I promise.
- Examples of other words we do not use in our home are: whatever, can't, idiot, shut up, fine, boyfriend, girlfriend, and I am not playing with you.
- Please be respectful of others privacy. Do not say things that are unkind or not necessary about anyone else's past. Be aware of others feelings when discussing personal information.

Don't Gossip.

There is No Excuse for Bad Language.



The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy.

Proverbs 12:22

Lying is a really serious problem, and we take it seriously. We will do our best to always be completely honest with you, and we expect you to do the same.

Lying will always have serious consequences.

Lying by omission means you know you are not telling the whole truth.

Lying by omission IS LYING!

the Truth.

'Do not steal. "'Do not lie. "'Do not deceive one another.

Leviticus 19:11



# **Stealing**

"You shall not steal.

**Exodus 20:15** 



Stealing is taking anything that does not belong to you without the permission of the owner.



NO Stealing is Allowed at ALL!!!

When you steal you will repay X3.

(if you do not have the means to repay, you will be required to earn it.)

# **Music and other Special Activities**

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 7:12

When we notice a child has an interest or talent in music, arts, skills, or trade, we want to encourage that interest.

At various times we will have the opportunity to enroll you in special classes or instruction. It is a great privilege to take special classes. We expect you to follow all the instructions, practice daily, and do your best.

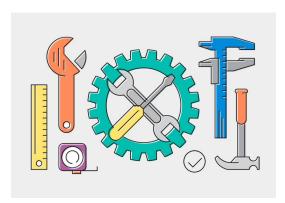
We expect you to ask for help when needed.

We expect you to take good care of all tools, instruments, and materials.

We expect you to show appreciation to us and your teacher.

(Always remember dad is sleeping during the day, all noisy practicing and activities should be

done outside or after dad gets up for the day.)









# **Violence**



Do not envy the violent or choose any of their ways.

Proverbs 3:31

Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.



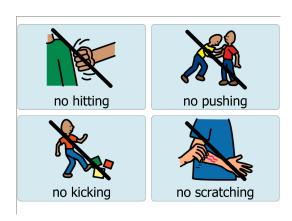
1 Peter 3:9

# This is a safe place! T



No violence of any kind will be tolerated.

# Everyone deserves to feel safe in their home.



No Hitting

