GULF SHORES
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Morning Sermon
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Introduction: We often think it's crazy that kids act so childish. We laugh at them. We poke fun at them. However, we all have our childish moments! We need to spend some time in the "NO WHINING ZONE." Paul gives us some rules that help us establish a "NO WHINING ZONE." Let's study together...

Discussion:

Rule #1 = No Complaining (Philippians 2:14)
- Complaining subverts God's people (**I Corinthians 10:10-12, Numbers 14:2**)
- Complaining subverts God's plan (**I Corinthians 10:13, Philippians 2:13**)
- Complaining subverts God's purpose (**Romans 5:3-5, James 1:2-4**)

Rule #2 = No Fighting (Philippians 2:14)
- Conflict disrupts God's people (**Proverbs 6:19, I Corinthians 1:10**)
- Conflict disrupts God's plan (**Matthew 5:9, 7:16, 18:15-17**)
- Conflict disrupts God's purpose (**Galatians 6:1-2, James 4:1-3**)

Rule #3= Be Nice (Philippians 2:15)
- Compassion is evident in God's people (**Matthew 5:14-15, John 8:12**)
- Compassion is evident in God's plan (**Matthew 9:36, 11:28-30, 15:32**)
- Compassion is evident in God's purpose (**II Corinthians 6:14-18, Galatians 5:22-23**)

Rule #4= Play Fair (Philippians 2:16)
- Cooperation blesses God's people (**Exodus 19:5, John 14:15**)
- Cooperation blesses God's plan (**John 17:15-18, I Corinthians 5:9-11**)
- Cooperation blesses God's purpose (**Hebrews 12:1-2, I Peter 2:21-25**)

Rule #5= Have Fun (Philippians 2:17-18)
- Contentment aids God's people (**Ecclesiastes 9:9, Proverbs 10:23**)
- Contentment aids God's plan (**Psalm 30:5, Romans 12:9-16**)
- Contentment aids God's purpose (**I Peter 4:3, II Timothy 4:6-8**)

Conclusion: The hardest part about playing is when our parents call us to go home! Christ's return will be joyous for those who are ready (**Luke 12:35-40, Philippians 3:7-11**). Have you ever wondered why the angels rejoice when a sinner repents (**Luke 15:7**)? Because they get to set another place at the Heavenly banquet table! Another precious soul is going to be called home and join the feast! Are you ready for Jesus to call your name?