

## **Personal Rule of Life Statement**

### **My Roles:**

“Your personal rule of life statement is discerned and framed within the context of your Primary relationships and your spiritual community, and lived out in service to others” (p.21)

As a 46-year Latino male born and raised in the Bronx, I currently play the roles of distant son, brother, loyal friend, supportive ex-husband, faithful student, loving father, patient boyfriend, and passionate leader in ministry. I find myself walking into some role transitions. From boyfriend to fiancé, student to psychotherapist, teacher to preacher. These roles reveal many parts of the man people see and the child in me only God sees. I am blessed not to have a role that hinders me. I enjoy the roles I play and am grateful that God has placed me in each of these roles.

### **My Gifts:**

“Your personal rule of life statement is discerned and framed within the context of your spiritual gifts, natural talents, and temperament” (p.32)

In my church, I have been able to use my gifts: teaching, exhorting, hospitality, service, long-suffering, and patience. But I see new gifts that I questioned having emerged, such as preaching and shepherding. These gifts work well with my heart's desire to work with men. It is in my heart to see men hold themselves more accountable to the direction of their lives and for leading their families. My gifts must lead me to lead my church's Men's ministry for four years. I have also become the director of education in my church and a lead Usher. As time goes forward, I have grown in comfort with the gifts that God has given me because these gifts are not for my personal enjoyment but for the betterment of the church and to elevate her on earth in the name of Christ.

### **My Desire:**

“Your personal rule of life statement is discerned and framed through the longing, yearnings, and goals God has placed on your heart and mind that propel you forward with joy” (p.43)

Before taking any college classes four years ago, I knew that I wanted to be a minister to broken and lost men and youth. I envisioned being a therapist, helping men who have broken their families, are hopeless, depressed, are raised without guidance, and do not feel equipped to lead. The family is the foundation of a successful and thriving society. For the family to meet its full potential, it must have fathers and sons present and fulfill the roles God has given them. This is not just my desire but my mission.

**My Vision:**

“Your personal rule of life statement is discerned and framed within the holistic, long-term vision and passion God planted in your heart” (p.54)

My vision is to see Men healed and empowered by the Lord to fulfill the call of God in their lives as leaders in their homes and community. It hurts me to see how the world is today and how much of this is because of Men’s unwillingness or inability to play their role. But more so in the church. Where I live, the church is mainly filled with women. Ministries are filled mostly with women. The head of many of these homes is the wife. Men are weak, broken, and lost today or than ever. More than ever, we have 40-year-old men who are still children. There is little doubt that this is a scheme of Satan and a price to pay of the fall. But it burns in my heart to help the men the Lord puts on my path to look a bit more like what God calls us to be, mentally, physically, and emotionally. In order to do this effectively I needed to be a part of this program and be in the internship I am in to gain the skills needed to match the will of God and my heart. I am grateful to be on this path set out before me by our Lord.

**My Mission:**

“Your personal rule of life statement is discerned and framed within the specific purpose(s) God invites you to fulfill in the season of life” (p.66)

My mission is to bring truth to a world full of lies. Good is called evil and evil is called good. In Sunday school I do my best to teach biblically accurate with Joy. I love to let the word of God interpret itself. I love to learn about apologetics, different denominations and different views on eschatology. It fascinates me endlessly. I believe this will allow to me help people draw closer to the truth. My mission is to empower men. My mission to help my pastor lead the church into the will of God. My mission is to be the father my son and daughter need. My mission to be the husband and leader I am called to be. My mission is to be a living sacrifice. All of this will (Lord willing) end with me owning or running a private practice that serves men and broken families in 10 years. So, I press forward to the mission set before me.