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# Personal Rule of Life Statements

Your personal rule of life is a holistic description of the Spirit-empowered rhythms and relationships that create, redeem, sustain and transform the life of God invites you to humbly fulfill for Christ's glory.

In order to begin to frame your rule of life (the focus of the first five chapters), the authors covered five very important issues: roles, gifts, desires, vision and mission. Each of these areas needs to be clarified as best as possible so that the general overview of your life is clearly understood and articulated as you move forward in crafting a personal rule of life. Before moving on part two, summarize your thoughts here. How is the Lord leading you in all five of these overarching areas of your personal life? Record your thoughts below:

Write one paragraph for each area, and 2 pages (single space).

## My Roles:

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

I am first a child of God, a daughter to my parents, a sister to three sisters, a mother to two sons, an ex-wife, a best friend, a spiritual daughter, a sister in Christ to many, an entrepreneur, and a student of social work. My most rewarding role is being a mom to my boys, it brings me joy to guide them through life and nurture them. I am proud of who they are becoming in life. I am most honored to be a child of God, an example of His great works, who get to serve in His kingdom not only as His child saved by grace but also as a living testimony, is an honor. My service to God shows not only in ministry within the church but mostly on the outside of the church with my clients as a hair stylist, I get to minister to them through regular conversations. I get to pray for them and encourage them as well as speak life to them.

## My Gifts:

**"Your personal rule of life is discerned and framed through the discovery of your spiritual gifts, natural talents and temperament" (p.32)**

My spiritual gifts are Faith, service, discernment of spirits, intersession, compassion, and teaching. Currently I am learning more about the gifts God has given me and if these are it. I think there may be more and I am seeking God to learn what they are and to understand the ones I do have. My natural talents are writing, although I have not written in some time I do love to write and hope to write a book one day telling of my life experiences that I hope to one day encourage other women to trust God and to believe in themselves when things don't appear to be the greatest. I also enjoy writing poetry. Doing hair and makeup, and being creative in that way has always come natural to me. I have been doing it since I was 10 years old. I used to do my sisters, my friends, aunts, and grandmother's hair all the time. even the kids in my neighborhood as we played outside. So, this is definitely something I am very talented at and love to do while being able to uplift people at the same time. My temperament allows me to do what I do. I am an extrovert, very outgoing and love socializing and getting to know people and learn new things. I enjoy talking with people and encouraging them as well.

## My Desires:

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

My desire first and foremost is to be in the will of God. It may sound cliché but at this point in my life through some tough experiences I have had a lot of revelation about where I am in God and where God want to take me. Prior to this I was not whole heartedly desiring Gods will. My mouth said it and it was in my heart but I was not totally committed to walking and chasing after Gods will for my life, I was more going after what I wanted. So, His will is what I strongly desire, desperate to have now, no compromise. My other desire is to help woman across the world. I want to be the bridge between them and God through the use of my gifts, talents, education, ministry, and the words of my testimony. I want to be able to serve, uplift, encourage, and make available resources to help them reach a better version of themselves. I also desire to build a legacy for my children's, children, children. I also desire to have a better relationship with my oldest sister, who I believe is strained due to attacks from the enemy that keeps he waring with me. I remain prayerful and in expectancy.

## My Vision:

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

My vision is to incorporate my talent of doing hair and makeup with my education in social work and my spiritual gifts into a wellness service centers that will reach women across the world. Catering to the wholeness of an individual from the outside in. As a woman I understand that when a woman looks beautiful, she feels beautiful, but I don't want to stop there, that is where I want to begin. Providing a space where a woman can receive care for her outward esthetics and her mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual well being is the goal. It is my passion to see woman from all walks of life to walk in complete wholeness through the word of God, therapy,

and fashion and beauty. When people think about me, I want them to say “She had a heart for God and for people.” I want that to show in the way I live and serve. Ultimately, I want God to be please that I was a good steward over what He has place in my hands to do.

## My Mission:

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

My mission is to be an example of God’s love through my service, giving, and my testimony. To please God with my life through obedience to His will, plan, and purpose for my life. Also, to reach those who are lost across the world starting with my family.

I now understand if I am going to do any of this, walk in my gifts, use my talents, live out my vision, and be successful in my mission, that I am going to have to sacrifice a lot and I have reached the point in my life where all I can say is YES God!