

## Personal Rule of Life Statements

A Rule of Life is an intentional pattern of spiritual disciplines that provides structure and direction for growth in holiness. A Rule establishes a rhythm for life that helps be formed by the Spirit, reflecting a love for God and respect for how He has made us. The disciplines we build into our life rhythm help us shed the “old self” and allow our “new self” in Christ to be formed. Spiritual disciplines are means of grace by which God can nourish us.

### 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)**

As I reflect on my roles in life, I am reminded of the importance of community and serving others. God has called me to serve as a leader in my family, church, and workplace. I am a husband, father, son, brother, friend, colleague, and mentor. Each of these roles comes with unique responsibilities and opportunities to serve and make a positive impact on the lives of others. I am committed to cultivating healthy relationships and investing my time and resources in activities that align with my values and priorities. My roles are not static and must be flexible and adaptable as circumstances change. “As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” (*Bible: King James Version (KJV) 2019*) 1 Peter 4:10).

**My Gifts:**

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

I am grateful for the unique gifts and talents that God has given me. As I continue to discover and develop these gifts, I am reminded of the responsibility to use them to glorify God and serve others. My spiritual gifts include teaching, encouragement, and discernment. I am also blessed with natural writing, communication, and problem-solving talents. My temperament is characterized by a strong sense of responsibility, a desire for order and structure, and a preference for reflection and solitude. I am committed to using these gifts and talents in ways that bring honor to God and contribute to the well-being of those around me. “Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.” (*Bible: King James Version (KJV) 2019*), 1 Corinthians 12:4-6).

**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 desires reflect the passions and longings God has placed in my heart. I believe God has given me the desire to help others grow and develop in their faith and personal lives. I am passionate about using my gifts of teaching and encouragement to create environments that foster growth and transformation. I am also drawn to opportunities for creative expression,

whether through writing, music, or visual arts. I enjoy exploring new ideas and learning new skills, and am committed to pursuing these interests with diligence and excellence.

**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 for life is shaped by a holistic understanding of God's purposes and plans for the world. I believe God is at work in every aspect of life, and our ultimate purpose is to glorify Him and enjoy Him forever. My vision for my personal life is to cultivate a deep and abiding relationship with God, to grow in my understanding of His character and will, and to become more like Christ in my attitudes and actions. I also have a vision for the role that I can play in the world, to use my gifts and resources to make a positive impact in the lives of others, to work for justice and reconciliation, and to promote the common good. “Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.” (*Bible: King James Version (KJV)* 2019), Proverbs 29:18).

**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 fulfill the specific purposes that God has for me in this season of my life. I believe that my mission is to use my gifts of teaching and encouragement to help others

grow in their faith and personal lives, to contribute to the flourishing of my community and the wider world, and to be a faithful witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. I am committed to seeking God's guidance and direction in all of my endeavors, being faithful and obedient to His call, and trusting in His provision and power to accomplish His purposes. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (*Bible: King James Version (KJV) 2019*), Matthew 28:19-20).

## Reference

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