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Daniel's Rule of Life: Arranging Life for Spiritual Transformation (Part Two)

Today's Scripture: The Book of Daniel

What is a Rule of Life?

- Well-ordered and _____ way of life
- One that cultivates the art of using the right _____ to achieve one's ends.
- _____ Our Lives for Spiritual Transformation.
- It is an _____, conscious plan to keep God at the _____ of everything we do.
- Saying "no" to the _____.
- Saying "yes" to _____.

What does a Rule of Life include?

- other believers (2:18)
- prayer (6:10)
- scripture (9:2)
- confession (9:2, 9:4-20)
- praise (2:19, 2:20-23, 6:10)
- mission for God and service to others (12:3)

What does a Rule of Life do for us?

- Provides wisdom and discretion for difficult situations (2:18)
- Grounds us when we receive accolades (2:48)
- Keeps us from caving in to the pressure to trust other gods, (3:12, 6:18-23)
- Sustains us through fiery trials (3:26, 3:28, 6:18, 6:23)
- Fuels our witness (3:29-30, 4:1-3, 4:8, 4:34-35, 6:25-27, 12:3)

What does a Rule of Life do for us? Part 2

- Produces God's _____ in us (6:4-5)
- Handles our _____ (6:24)
- Offers us God's _____ (9:23)
- Provides us _____ for the battle (10:19)
- Leaves an inspiring _____ (Hebrews 11:34)

What a Rule of Life is Not...

- An answer to all your _____ (12:9)
- A means to _____
- _____...which means it will and should change over time

Follow-up Ideas

- Free "Rule of Life" Workshop
Sunday May 20, 12:30-2pm. For info on lunch and childcare or to sign up by May 18 go to CrossroadsFramingham.com/ruleoflife
- Book: *Crafting A Rule of Life: An Invitation to the Well-Ordered Way*, Stephen Macchia
- Three other CCC sermons on The Rule of Life
<http://www.crossroadsframingham.com/sermons/topics/rule-of-life/>