

RULE OF LIFE

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Rule of Joy July 10, 2022

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Scripture: James 4:5-7, 10

Sermon Overview: Humility is not thinking less of yourself or having low self-esteem, it is thinking of yourself less, by thinking of others and God more. As the Spirit of God dwells in us, and we focus on His glory, His ways, and His thoughts, humility blossoms. As we take time to worship God, we turn the tables on idolatry and embrace a Christ-like humility. This turning of attention gives us the capacity and motivation to follow Jesus' example of washing the feet of others.

Sermon Series Questions:

1. What are the rules (core beliefs, values, and practices) you want to live your life by?
2. How does the quote from G.K Chesterton impact you? *"The more I considered Christianity, the more I found that while it established a rule and order, the chief aim of that order was to give room for good things to run wild."*

Sermon Specific Questions:

1. What issue or area of your life would you like to invite more of the Spirit into, so you can, say—"Less of me God, and more of you"?
2. When taking an honest look, do you tend to focus more of your efforts and mental capacity on yourself (washing your hands) or thinking of others (washing others' feet)?

Digging Deeper:

- Take a few minutes to sit quietly and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal anything in your life that has become an idol to you? (This can be something that was once good, but turned into something that consumes your focus and attention.)

Prayer: Father God, I submit these areas over to your Lordship. I want to honor you in my life and I ask you to help me reposition my priorities, focuses, and motivations to serve You, worship You, and think of others before myself.

- To avoid false humility (thinking less of yourself than who God says you are), read Ephesians 1:3-14 and write down the truths about your identity as a believer in Christ. (Example: I have been blessed with every spiritual blessing. I am chosen by God. etc. ...)
- Visit ncc.re/ruleoflife to download a sketch of the sermon created by The Sketch Effect

Practical Application:

- Learn how to create your own Rule of Life: Online Masterclass July 12. This online class will teach you how to create your own personal or family Rule of Life. Sign up at ncc.re/masterclass.
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- Make a Bible reading plan a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan).
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