

# Rules For Life

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1. **Make Christ your Lord** (i.e.: obey Him – if you don't obey Him, you don't believe in Him).
2. **Tithe** – God commands it, and it is necessary for a successful life. Tithing results in:
  - a. Complete trust in God - if you cannot let go of your money, you trust money more than God; therefore, money is your God (period!!);
  - b. A lack of stress and anxiety over money;
  - c. Effective money management;
  - d. Refocusing goals and what is most important in life;
  - e. Deep satisfaction that you are obeying God;
  - f. Furthering God's kingdom.
3. **Read the Bible daily and pray.** Do as the Bible directs.
4. **Attend church and Sunday School** regularly.
5. **Honor** and love your wife/husband.
6. **Honor** your mother and father.
7. **Love, teach, and discipline you children.** Take no credit for the good they do, and no blame for the bad.
8. **Lead and provide well for your family.**
9. **Set an excellent example for your children.** Forgive yourself when you sometimes fail in this.
10. **Do not lie.** Also, do not use truth as an excuse to hurt someone. Be honest in all your dealings.
11. **Keep your speech clean and respectful.** It's often better to remain silent – keep your own counsel.
12. **Respect the authority over you** – supervisor at work or otherwise.
13. **Do not seek to destroy the reputation of another.**
14. When faced with extreme challenge, **pray for guidance, develop a plan, execute the plan, and remain calm by trusting Jesus.** Panic is nothing less than a lack of faith in Christ.
15. Never leave a job until you absolutely have a better job to go to. **Always remain employed.**
16. Always pay your bills so that you **maintain an excellent credit rating.**
17. **Save (invest) 10% of all you earn.**

18. **Gain an education** that will benefit you and your family. Become educated beyond your profession. Read and learn in other areas of life – theology, history, art, literature, astronomy, geology, hobbies, etc.
19. **Use credit only for real estate and a car.**
20. **Buy real estate ASAP.**
21. If something seems **too good to be true**, it is.
22. **The end NEVER justifies the means.** You cannot lie to obtain truth, or use evil to achieve good.
23. Always do **110%** of what is asked of you.
24. Do not allow **jealousy** to take hold of you. It will destroy you.
25. Do not allow **pride** (the opposite of being humble) to take hold of you. Put others first. It's not about you.
26. **Do not hate** another. The hate will turn on you like a cancer.
27. **Always forgive** others and yourself. Forgiveness is a choice that benefits most the one giving it.
28. **Admit you are wrong** when you are – ask for forgiveness.
29. Do all with **astounding excellence**.
30. **Do not do things that will cause you to be ashamed.** You cannot be one person in private and another in public. You will end up hating yourself and you will eventually be discovered.
31. **Do the hard thing**; it's usually the right thing.
32. **Do not smoke or do drugs.**
33. **Do not ever become drunk.**
34. **Do not steal.**
35. **Do not covet** what others have. Greed (like hate) is a cancer to the soul of man.
36. Pray for wisdom, and **seek the advice of wise people.**
37. You are judged by the company you keep, and you become similar to the company you keep. Like it or not, that's just the way it is. **Do not keep the company of fools.**
38. **Do not blame others** for your own shortcomings. You own them.
39. **Control your private thoughts** – lust, hate, immorality, plotting destruction, feelings of failure, etc.
40. Most people think small, and they achieve little. Don't be one of them. Walk your own path – don't follow the crowd. **Dream big, have high goals, and achieve most of them.** Dreams are the stuff reality is made of.