

Ruled for Life

Dear Future Self, Part 2

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Reminder: Your future self is the result of how you control your present self.

Rules, when done right, are advanced planning for loving the right things. (Psalm 119:7)

The Spirit of God provides the power that makes lasting growth possible. (Galatians 5:25, 2 Timothy 1:7)

We grow, in part, as we apply that power to our lives. (1 Corinthians 9:27, 2 Peter 1:1-4)

- Our effort helps us grow in godliness. (2 Peter 1:5-9)
- Our effort helps us grow in assurance. (2 Pt. 1:10-11)
- Our effort helps others grow. (2 Peter 1:12-15)

My Next Step(s)...

- ☐ I'll consider with my GROVE Group:
 - ☐ Which do you tend to think more about, your resume or your eulogy? Why?
 - ☐ How have you suffered from a wrong understanding of the role of rules? How have you benefited from rules done right?
 - ☐ Read Romans 7:15-19. Can you relate to this struggle?
 - ☐ Read 2 Peter 1:3-11. How do you think these qualities would make you more effective in your roles?
 - ☐ Think of a goal you currently have. How can you make it a "sanctified goal" by recognizing its spiritual significance?
- ☐ I'll participate in The Grove's 21 Days of Prayer and form or strengthen a habit of daily time with God.
- ☐ I will attend Explore The Grove on January 19 or January 26
- ☐ I will memorize 2 Peter 1:3 (CSB)

His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.