


“I always get the question, ‘Did you ever think you’d be here?’” she said. “Of course, I did. That’s why we’re here.”

-Jeni Britton Bauer

Luke 14:27-30

For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?

When you gave yourself to Christ, did you consider what it would take to keep your commitment?



What is your **Rule of Life**
for meeting
your commitment to **Christ**?



□ “A goal without a plan is just a wish.”

— Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

□ “If you don't know where you are going,
you'll end up someplace else.”

— Yogi Berra

□ “In preparing for battle I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable.”

Dwight D. Eisenhower

□ “By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.”

— Benjamin Franklin

Our goal is the same:

1. Union with God in Christ
2. Transformation into His image
3. Freeing of our hearts from anything that stands in the way of Christ living in and through us.

Planning to Succeed



Luke 12:35-38

“Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning...”

How do we keep our lamps burning?

Rule of Life

- PRAYER
- REST
- WORK / ACTIVITY
- RELATIONSHIPS

Rule of Life

□ **PRAYER**

- Scripture
- Silence and Solitude
- Daily Office (Prayer)
- Study

Rule of Life

□ **REST**

- Sabbath

- Simplicity

- Play and Recreation

Rule of Life

- **WORK / ACTIVITY**
 - Occupation
 - Service and Mission
 - Care for the Physical Body

Rule of Life

□ **RELATIONSHIPS**

- Emotional Health

- Family

- Community (Companions for the Journey)

Rule of Life

Revelation 2:26-29

The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end...I will give him the morning star. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Rule of Life

“It does not do to leave a live dragon
out of your calculations, if
you live near him.”

— J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Hobbit*

Rule of Life

Luke 14:31-33

You are the king with 10000 men

God is the King with 20000 men

Can you beat God with your 10000?

Have you made peace with God?

The first **Rule of Life:**

make peace with God.