



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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MY RULES FOR LIFE

1. I try never to say anything behind a man's back that would give me the least embarrassment to say to his face.
2. I try never to speak back to personal critics. Friends do not need to hear the defense and enemies would not believe it.
3. Every day I greet every person I see with a smile and make a special effort if one is poor or in unfortunate circumstances.
4. The first thing when I awake in the morning I plan what my duty for the day is and try to go beyond it.
5. Every day I read from the Bible and from some other good book. Feeding the mind and soul is more important than bodily food.
6. I try to pay every debt I owe on time and always to save something from every paycheck, however small.
7. I like people and never harbor any malice or hatred toward any person in the world. I like places and have yet to be anywhere I do not like. I go there with the intention of liking the place.
8. I am a confirmed optimist, believing that even in this life evil men will be punished by their own unhappiness and good men will be rewarded. "It is better further on."
9. I try to close each day as if it were the last day I'd be on earth, closing the books on all regrets, worries, and annoyances.
10. The last thing I do at night is to count one by one the blessings of the day. This makes me so thankful and happy that I soon drift into pleasant sleep. In this spirit I hope to close life's journey and drift into eternity.

George W. DeHoff, via *The Spiritual Sword* Vol. 43, No. 4

ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT HEAVEN?

Let's talk about heaven. Are you excited about heaven? If there was a bus going to heaven today, would you be ready to jump on board and go home? Many people claim to want to go to heaven, but few people want to go right now. Over and over I have seen the attitude, "I want to go to heaven, I just don't want to go today."

My question is, why not? What would be wrong with going home today? Is this world so great that the thought of leaving it for heaven is depressing? Paul said, "*No eye has seen, no ear has heard and no heart of man can imagine what God is preparing for those who love Him*" (**I Corinthians 2:9**).

I'm afraid many people picture heaven as a monotonous place where all we are going to do is sit around and worship God. Yes, we are going to worship in heaven (**Revelation 5:11-14; 7:9-12**) and our worship is going to be the most amazing worship we have ever been a part of. However, heaven is going to be so much more than our hearts can imagine. Consider a few of the things we will do in heaven.

Serve God (Revelation 22:3-5). We will be blessed to serve in the very presence of THE Almighty God who made the earth and everything in it.

Rejoice (Revelation 21:4-5). Heaven is going to be a place of great joy. There will never be a bad day in heaven.

Celebrate (Luke 15:10; 23-24). Heaven is going to be a big welcome home party for the children of God. It's going to be an amazing celebration with our Father.

Reunite (II Samuel 12:23). In heaven we will be reunited with all of our loved ones who faithfully served God.

Rest (Revelation 14:13). We will finally understand what stress free, worry free, sin free, disappointment free, pain free and suffering free truly means. They will be gone forever.

Heaven isn't going to be the monotonous place many people picture. Heaven is going to be unlike anything we have ever experienced. Does the thought of heaven get you excited about going home? It should!

What are you most looking forward to doing in heaven?

Justin Moore