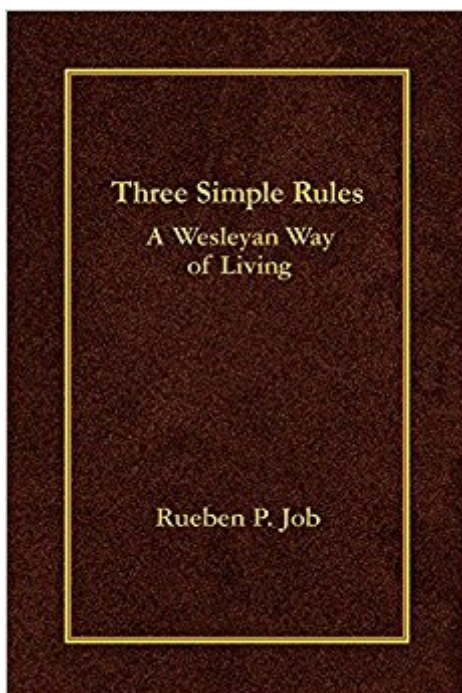


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# Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way Of Living



## Synopsis

In *Three Simple Rules*, Rueben Job offers an interpretation of John Wesley's General Rules for today's readers. For individual reading or group study, this insightful work calls us to mutual respect, unity and a deeper daily relationship with God. This simple but challenging look at three commands, "do no harm, do good, stay in love with God." "Every year I review the three general rules of the United Methodist Church with those who are being ordained. Now I have a wonderful ordination gift to give them in Bishop Job's, *Three Simple Rules*, to start and deepen the conversation as they enter a new relationship with the church. Bishop Job has described "by attending upon all the ordinances of God" to be to "stay in love with God." It's a fresh language that speaks especially to long-time Christians and United Methodists. Sally Dyck, Resident Bishop, Minnesota Area "Three Simple Rules is a new catechism for everyone wanting to follow Jesus Christ. These practices for holy living should replace the membership vows in every church! Don't let the title fool you. Bishop Job writes, "The rules are simple, but the way is not easy. Only those with great courage will attempt it, and only those with great faith will be able to walk this exciting and demanding way." John Hopkins, Resident Bishop, East Ohio Area

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Rueben P. Job was a United Methodist bishop, pastor and acclaimed author and served as World

Editor of The Upper Room publishing program. Best-known for the classic book, *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living*, he also authored or co-authored *A Guide to Prayer for Ministers and Other Servants*, *A Wesleyan Spiritual Reader*, *Living Fully*, *Dying Well*, *Listen* and co-edited *Finding Our Way: Love and Law in The United Methodist Church*. Bishop Job also chaired the Hymnal Revision Committee that developed the 1989 United Methodist Hymnal.

Don't let the "Wesleyan Way of Living" part of the title throw you. This little book has application for all Christians. I was raised in the Methodist faith from age 4 to age 19, so I knew who John Wesley was, but not knowing who Wesley was or not being raised in a Methodist church would in no way limit the usefulness and/or impact of this book in any believers life. In fact, I am now the pastor in a non-denominational Protestant church and recently used this book as the basis for a three part sermon series. The three simple rules found in this book (Do no harm, Do good, Love God) are a powerful reminder to the experienced follower of Christ, a succinct distillation of Gospel truth for the new believer/young Christian and an antidote to the intellectual/ivory tower tripe and the "power" gospel that seems so pervasive in what passes for so called Christian literature and preaching/teaching today. This is a simple "life application" book that will benefit all who read it.

From "A Conversation with Rueben P. Job": "Our world is deeply divided, highly cynical about its leadership, greatly disappointed in its structures and systems that seem so flawed, broken and corrupt, broadly conflicted and gravely afraid of tomorrow... Today we need a message that can be clearly understood by persons of every age, every educational and economic level, every condition and circumstance of life... There are two enormously encouraging truths for us to remember: One, God is with us. God continues to woo us, seek us out, love us, speak to us, enable us and lead us into the future. Second, it has been done before... The core of John Wesley's message was that God loves us all, All of us are the apple of God's eye. We all can claim our full inheritance as God's children... Wesley's three simple rules provide that message [method]: Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God." Highly Recommended: Inspiring, Well Written and Easy to Follow. Outstanding "plain truth for plain people" guide for the UN-churched, Newcomer and Old Timer, alike.

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This is a short read, but a great one to meditate on, perhaps while on spiritual retreat or during a

vacation week. It is a call to holiness saturated in grace. Job does a good job avoiding legalistic morality on the one hand and cheap grace on the other. Read, reflect, and live this book.

Wonderful book and the larger print makes it easier to use for older members of our bible study.

Don't be misled by the title; there's a lot to what this book is about. Powerful ideas, well stated, clear and practical. Take this seriously and your life should change - I'd be very surprised if it did not.

A must read for all who seek love and grace. A simple book to get through and carry with you.

Most of us are familiar with the Christian message of doing good and loving God, but the first step is profound: Do no harm. How often through the ages have we not caused considerable harm while seeking to do what we thought was good. This is a wonderful book for both new and "old" Christians to read and revitalize their faith.

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