Life Lessons From a DOT Engineer

Last month while volunteering at the LPGA tournament at the Sahalee Golf Club in Sammamish Washington, I met a gentleman by the name of Rick Glad who was a retired department of transportation engineer for the state of Washington. Part of his responsibilities as an engineer for the department of transportation was to design safer roads for the public. He began his research for road safety by comparing several data bases. One data base in particular stood out among the rest. It was the data base provided by the Washington state highway patrol, detailing the locations of all the car wrecks on the highway. Using this information, Rick was able to pinpoint the most problematic areas on the highway that resulted in accidents, injury, and/or death. Steps were immediately taken to address these danger spots. Curve angles were adjusted, signage relocated, reflectors added, bumps in the road strategically placed, guard rails relocated and/or redesigned to expand on impact. These and many more safety measures were taken resulting in thirty less fatalities being reported per year by the Washington state highway patrol.

Everyday drivers rush to and fro on the busy highway without a second thought of the myriad of safety measures that have been implemented to ensure safe arrival to their destination. In much the same way, people rush through the busy-ness of life without recognizing the safety measures God has placed in their path.

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God knows the road we are to travel and has provided us with safety measures needed to complete the task. Allow me to list a few:

1) The Conscience – Warns us when we are heading in the wrong direction (Romans 2:15)
2) The Holy Spirit – Convicts us when we are on the wrong road (John 16:8)
3) Honor our parents – A road map that always leads to blessings (Ephesians 6:2)
4) The Bible – A reliable navigator in uncertain times (Psalm 119:105)
5) The Church – God’s sign post to spiritual wickedness in heavenly places of His great wisdom (Ephesians 3:10)

Enjoy the journey!

Making Right Choices

I thank God for my High School experience and I feel that it was just part of growing up. I've met lots of friends that have graduated with me and that I've known since kindergarten. I've had a lot of great experiences like, being the Student Body Vice President for 3 years... And I almost got my college degree but I missed it by a few classes. it was cool though, going to school with people older than me and asking me to help them sometimes. I also had the chance to play on the worst high school football team in probably the whole state. We went 0 and 14 last year but my dad says it would have been worse if I didn't play... I'm still not sure what he meant by that.

So I guess what I'm saying is, High School was full of friends and relationships, some good, some bad and I'm always told that it's up to me to choose. Most of the time my mom & dad forces me to choose. Sometimes when my friends come over to pick me up, my dad says I'm going to go out there and pat search all your friends, and it scares me to think that he is serious sometimes.

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Dream Big With No Limitations

I encourage all graduates to make God the center of their lives. I was blessed to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from Washington State University (WSU) and a Master of Science degree from Oregon State University (OSU). However, these achievements would not have been possible without the Lord Jesus Christ as head of my life. I left home at the age of twenty-three with my three-year-old daughter in tow. It was my first experience living without my family in close proximity and I was nervous and a little scared. However, I purposed in my heart to walk forward in faith and trust in the Lord. Over the five years that I attended WSU and OSU, I watched God meet our needs in miraculous ways. He did this, not because I am special per se, but because God dearly loves and wants the best for His children.

So my advice is don’t play it safe. Dream big, walk forward in faith and make God the focus of your life! Pursue a degree in medicine, enter the military, or make plans to start your own business in the future. It does not matter what your history is, who your parents are, and what you have or don’t have.

With God “all things are possible” (Matt 19:26). And, you can do all things through Christ who gives you strength! (Phil 4:13).

Yours in Christ,
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I've learned that a relationship with the Lord, extends to my relationships with those I hang out with. Although some of my friends are not Christians, they all know that I am one and it gives me the opportunity to be able to share my own faith experiences. Sometimes I'm not sure exactly what to tell them. It seems that they all want to see how my life is lived and that is my way of sharing my faith. My future? I decided to further my career by going into the military.

I want to take advantage of its benefits and have some adventure at the same time. My mom says that I'm just like my dad and I'm assuming that's a good thing. When I told my dad that I wanted to join the Marines, he said you have our full support and prayers. I believe that the military needs more proof of the love of God and I want to be used in the Marines to show it through my life. I will be heading out to boot camp soon and chose the data/intelligence field as my choice of job.

I thank my parents for teaching me about God, faith, leadership and making wise choices in my life. Amen.

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