

All I Really Need To Know I Learned at LFPPC

I. THOSE WHO HAVE RUBBED OFF ON ME

Mark 10:43-44; Proverbs 27:17

II. TRUTHS I HOPE HAVE RUBBED OFF ON YOU

1. Keep the M_____ T_____ the M_____ T_____

- Fix your eyes on J_____ – Hebrews 12:1-4
- Everything we try to replace baby Jesus with never seems to last. N_____ can replace Jesus.

2. Never Forget the P_____ & Primacy of God's Word

- "The church reformed, always to be reformed according to the W_____ of G_____ in the power of the S_____."
- II Tim. 3:16-17

3. Live In G_____

- "Jesus is full of two things: g_____ and t_____"
- Show grace toward y_____
- Show grace toward o_____ a_____
- I_____ Pathway
- Relational Pathway
- S_____ Pathway
- Worship Pathway
- Contemplative Pathway
- C_____ Pathway

4. S_____ Out of Your Giftedness -- with J_____

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Help us to trust you." Max Lucado

6. Never Lose Your L_____ for the L_____

– Luke 19:10; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; II Corinthians 5:17

7. F_____ Well – Philippians 3:13-14

My Commitment as a Christian

(penned by a young pastor in Africa and tacked to a wall in his house)

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I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by power.

My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is heaven, my road is narrow, my way rough, my companions few, my Guide reliable, my mission clear. I cannot be bought, deluded, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the adversary, negotiate at the table of the enemy, or meander in the maze of mediocrity. I won't give up, let up, until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, preached up for the cause of Christ. I am a disciple of Jesus. I must go till He comes, give till I drop, preach till all know, and work till He stops me. And when He comes for His own, He will have no problem recognizing me—my banner will be clear!

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