Wednesday Word 7/9/2025

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

I have always considered every area of my life to be a discipleship opportunity. As a minister, my favorite times are sitting down with people over coffee or a meal and sharing the Word of God with them. There is nothing more rewarding as a pastor than when I see the truth of God "click" in their minds and hearts and when people have a fresh revelation and understanding of the Scriptures. As a life-long learner, helping others become the same is an absolute joy.

I also believe discipleship can take different forms. I have been building fences for the last 20 years and it is a great way to stay active in the community, keep moving and make extra money for my family. Since I have been doing it for so long, I have a long-standing client base in the local Graham area and can pick and choose what types of projects I can work on. I typically like smaller projects I can get done in 8-10 hours. To do this I always need some help and have always tried to bring out young men around 16 or 17 years old to help. Building a fence is a great way to learn the fundamentals of carpentry such as reading a tape measure, using a level, how to make things straight and uniform and hard labor of digging post holes to name a few. This gives young men an opportunity to learn a skill they can use their entire life. It builds confidence and trust in themselves.

I have trained a few young men in these carpentry basics (two are my oldest sons) and I have seen the fruit of them move on to better job opportunities with the skills and confidence to succeed. While the investment I made in them benefited me short term, it benefited them long term. It is also an opportunity to share my faith in practical ways and discuss with them the Truth of the gospel.

We all have something to share with the world – we all have giftings that God has given us to express and explain Him to those around us. Never discredit what you have to offer even if you think it is not that valuable. What you have to give may be the very thing that opens someone's eyes to who Jesus truly is and that could truly be the difference between eternity with God or without Him.

The challenge this week is to look at what your life has to offer and then offer it to those around you. What you have in your heart is of eternal values.

God bless you.

I love you and God loves you!

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