



WT Walking Tall

Southern Oregon

LIFE COACHING

FAITH-BASED MENTORSHIP

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES FOR JOB READINESS

AUTOMOTIVE WOODWORKING FABRICATING & WELDING SMALL ENGINE COMPUTER DESIGN

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Walking Tall teaches job readiness skills to our teen young men. However, there are greater outcomes than producing a teen qualified to hold down a job. For the Mentors who share their skills that have taken a lifetime to perfect, the experience is more than teaching welding technique, engine dismantling or producing products in the woodshop and constructing/outfitting a building. Walking Tall provides young men the opportunity to work side-by-side with men who model Godly character: love, patience, faithfulness, self-discipline just to mention a few traits.

It bears repeating, often - that an individual becomes the person similar to the group of folks they spend time with. Proverbs 13:20 teaches us this: "the one who walks with the wise will be wise, but he who keeps company with fools will be destroyed."

When I met Tom and Judy in 2017, it was very clear that I needed to be involved with them and the talented Mentors supporting their cause. I wasn't sure where I could fit-in because I am much more suited for working with calculators and accounting protocols than nail guns or making sparks fly in the welding shop. But in reality, I saw that their vision of surrounding these teen boys with a family environment of Godly love, kindness and goodness - to say nothing of feeding them a meal at every event - may actually be the only experience in character development some of the teens would ever have.

No other event was so obvious an example of family unity than this year when I personally suffered the sudden loss of my wife. Not only did the Walking Tall family support me in prayer and "care packages", but they enabled me to host an exceptional life celebration for my loved ones.

I am so thankful that I was led to Walking Tall years ago. I have found a place where I can contribute to the success of this next teen generation and to hang-out with some of the most talented craftsmen in the Rogue Valley, who love the Lord as I do. Thank you, Tom, and Judy, for having the courage to create Walking Tall.

Mentor Doug

**When life's short day is done at last
And heaven's gates open wide,
Pain and sorrow will then be past,
And I'll cast my cares aside.**

**I'll walk upon the streets of gold
And breathe pure celestial air;
What beautiful sights I'll behold
With the saints and angels there.**

**Jesus will be waiting for me
With all of His glory shown;
I'll live with Him eternally
In pleasures I've never known!**

—Perry Boardman

Thank you for your support and prayers!

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