AUTOMOTIVE WOODWORKING FABRICATING & WELDING SMALL ENGINE COMPUTER DESIGN CONSTRUCTION AND MORE

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

I became involved as a mentor in Walking Tall through my best friend. His son went through the program and is now entering his fifth year as a Marine. When young men return after graduating from WT, I see they are composed, confident young men, usually with a definite life purpose. Young men learn valuable skills which enable them to have a productive life and provide for themselves. It is like being in the driver's seat of their life, not dependent on others. I enjoy working outside and helping clean up the overgrowth for WT, and I would like to learn more about small engine repair and horticulture to share with the young men.



Seeing God at work in all the areas of WT is enjoyable. This country needs young men with good mentors to walk alongside them. As a young man, I didn't have the best situation, and I would have loved to have had mentors walk alongside me. Looking back at my mistakes, I could have avoided them had I known how to live by the principles of the Bible. For example, a good marriage should start with a lot of pre-marital counseling and good role models to follow. Children are God's gifts, and they must be valued and loved like the fruit of the Spirit, which can help you live a life full of hope, joy, peace, and love. I enjoy watching the mentors teach young men the fruits of the Spirit. One of my devotionals is the 7-38-55 rule, and it describes the multi-faceted way in which people communicate emotions, claiming that 7% is via spoken word, 38% is tone, the way they deliver the message, and 55% is through body language. When I watch these mentors, they give these young men 38%. When a young man has a question, the mentors deliver the fruit of the Spirit with joy, patience, kindness, and self-control. If a young man makes a mistake, the mentors tell the young man in a kind and respectful manner, and many of these young men have never had men like that in their lives. If I can help a young man avoid going through some of the things I endured, mental, emotional, or financial, I believe that is why God put me here.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other. Galatians 5:22-26



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