

## The Joy is in the Journey – A Father Lesson

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There is no such thing as a journey to success, because success is not a destination. Destination disease – If I just go there, I would be happy.

Thesis: The joy in life is discovered in the journey – not the destination!

Last week of the year, John reviews his year, makes notes. Does some personal self-examination. Asks himself 7 questions. You should never leave something; you should go to something. He asks God for a word for the next year.

John is to produce mentors and empower leaders.

This is a “Father Lesson”

As a Father I am to...

- Produce, Mentor, & Empower Leaders...
- Unconditionally Love Them...
- Revel in Their Success...
- Be an Example to Follow...
- Provide Fatherly Advice...

John Wooden – taught us how to live life. The journey doesn't determine your joy; you do that. Know there is joy in the journey.

1. Live intentionally - don't accept your life, lead your life. Become intentional in your life. Begin with the end in mind
2. Find your purpose - you can't connect the dots looking forward, but looking backward you can connect them. They don't clearly see all the steps but they clearly see the first one. Find your purpose you find your passion, your sweet spot.
3. You define your success - this is John's success
  1. Personal Success – The closest to me love me and respect me the most
  2. Growth Success – knowing, growing, sowing
  3. Leadership Success – Adding value to leaders who multiply value to others
4. Grow every day - will bring you greater joy than anything else. Personal growth is happiness - it's fulfilling, you are seeing and feeling and realizing you're evolving into a better person
5. Add value to others - get over yourself. Value people, add value to people, encourage others to add value to people.
6. Stay with your strengths - People don't pay for average
7. Think Successfully - how you think determines your world
8. Partner with others - understand that when you join others team, the value of expediting improvement is to work with good partners. None of us is smarter than all of us.

There is no such thing as a Balanced Leader, but...There is such a thing as a Balanced Team

9. Embrace difficulty - Next book is on failure. We do hard so we learn how to do harder. The greatness of leadership is to do difficult--to do more difficult as you get good. Respect is earned on difficult ground. Young leaders--discovered just

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because you're successful at a young age doesn't mean you have influence. You must have a lot of success, win after win, year after year.

10. Don't keep score - it will change your life.

11. Keep moving - no success without action. Clarity comes with movement.

Your first step is your most important step.

Your next step will not be obvious until you take your present step.

Doing well at one step sets you up for success for the next step

Success is a series of steps, not one giant leap.

Each step should be your favorite step.

Each step compounds the results of the previous steps.

You don't step your way to success...each step, well done, is success!

SW – SW – SW – SW

Some will – Some Won't – So What – Someone is Waiting

12. Be in the moment – 47% of people in conversation are thinking about something else

13. Be grateful – generosity is the fruit of gratitude.

Travel the high road.

Love God – “God, you will make known to me the path of life. In your presence is fullness of joy. In your right hand there are pleasures forever.” Psalm 16:11 (NASB)

I always want more for you than from you. Always add value to people.