

## Research Interview Assessment #4

This week I once again had another short discussion with Mr. Mike Rodriguez over email; however, with the amount of information that I got out of that conversation I am able to discuss. Mr. Mike is a very strong believer in his four pillars of success, five for a christian like myself. The five pillars of success that he discussed with me are figure out what I love to do, figure out what I am good at, is there a need for what I am doing, am I taking decisive action, and putting God first while following his path for me. These five pillars I think are incredibly important and interesting in figuring out what I will want to pursue.

Mr. Rodriguez, who just loves analogies, told me a story about a kid who wanted to be in a band. He described that the kid loved to make music, it was his hobby. Which means that he had already accomplished the first pillar: doing what he loves; however, this kid is absolutely terrible at playing instruments. No matter how much you love something, you have to be good at it or you will not be successful. So, that being said, the second pillar of success was not present. Moving onto the third, let's say that there is a need for new country artists, and not a need for new pop singers, but the kid is a pop singer. Once again, he will not be successful, because there is no need for what he is doing. He will not gain a foothold in the industry, nor will he be noticed. So that is another missing piece of the puzzle. Next, this kid, who once again, is not very talented in music, does not learn how to play. He is just fine with how he sounds, even though he has been told by Mr. Rodriguez that he should practice a little more. That means he is missing another pillar of success, which is taking decisive action. Whether that be learning how to be better, or beginning his music career, he has not done that.

Now that I have learned what the four pillars of business success are, the fifth one is very important and incredibly personal. What is God wanting from me, and am I doing something that is glorifying him? The five pillars of success are very important when deciding which road and path I need to take. For me, I love to communicate with others, but not only that, I am naturally good at being able to talk with other people. For me I already have the first two steps figured out. I know that there is also a need for practicing christians present in a "for-profit" environment, which means that something I do should revolve around that aspect. That is three out of four accomplished. Next, just being in the ISM class, and getting to meet people such as Mike Rodriguez proves that I am already taking decisive action and figuring out where I want to end up. And lastly, I need to be aware of what God is calling me to do. What are my spiritual gifts, what path does He want me to divert to, and am I letting Him take the wheel? While having the first four done is a big deal, what God is wanting from me is above all else. So, that is what I am now going to put my focus on.