

Interview Assessment #2

This week I had another opportunity to interview and talk with Mr. Mike Rodriguez of Mike Rodriguez international. This was the second interview that we have had; however, what was supposed to be twenty minutes lasted for over an hour. And I am so thankful to have had such an astounding interview with him. Towards the beginning of the interview we started off by continuing to talk about what we had left off with during the business symposium. However, eventually the discussion shifted from me to him, and Mike's experiences and his stories.

I began with my initial question that would eventually be the driving topic of the whole interview, and lead us down different rabbit holes that allowed me to learn more about him and how I should approach life in general. I asked him how and why he made Mike Rodriguez international. Eventually I learned about pride and having an ego, moving through every day without Christ being the center of my decisions. What I learned from Mike over the course of the hour long talk was that God truly does lead you on your own path that he has completely planned out for me. As Mike described how eventually he turned his attention from the money he made at being successful at leading branches, he shifted his focus on the spiritual gifts that God gives all people. He told me that he was able to recognize in me the same gifts that he saw in himself, these being evangelizing and teaching as well as communication. I then talk to Mike about how I love talking with others and that I am naturally able to converse and connect with people I do not know. And he agreed. He talked to me about how when deciding what career and path to take I need to always think about the gifts that God has given me.

Another very important topic that was discussed in the interview was Mr. Rodriguez's four pillars of work, He told me that I first must love what I do, the second is that I must be good at what I do, the third is that I must be driven to want to do it, and the last being that I need to make the effort to begin doing it. However, because of how religion based our discussion is, he told me that there is actually a fifth pillar, that it must be something that God wants me to do. And this was very interesting to me because I had never thought about looking for a career in this light before. I now have been looking for a possible first job to find in high school, and I have determined that being a server at a restaurant would be a great fit, because I will be able to learn how to be a good communicator with all sorts of people. I have taken into account all the things that Mr. Rodriguez has told me and it is a meeting that I will remember for the rest of my life. I cannot wait to talk with him again.