

Take-Aways from the Trenches: Practical Insights & Attributes for Leading

Whether it's establishing non-negotiable guiding principles that bring clarity in chaos or being able to let go of unhealthy behaviors (perseverance beats perfectionism every time), who we are as leaders impacts the cause of Christ. In this session, Jane will share observations from her experiences in various leadership roles.

Jane Norton is the daughter of a coach and teacher who taught her the value of work, honesty, family, and service. Those ideals led her to a career in public service where she served in appointed and elected government positions in her home state of Colorado and in Washington, DC. She also worked in the private and non-profit sectors where she served in leadership, development, and consulting roles. Jane earned a Bachelor's Degree in Health Sciences, a Master's Degree in Management, and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities Degree from Colorado Christian University. Jane is married to Mike and together they have four children and seven grandchildren.

I. "BAD NEWS DOESN'T CHANGE GOOD NEWS" (*I AM SECURE IN MY SALVATION*)

- A. **GRATEFULNESS**
- B. Romans 8:35-39
- C. Question:
- D. Prayer:

II. "DRESS FOR SUCCESS" (*I AM IN A SPIRITUAL BATTLE*)

- A. **COURAGE**
- B. Ephesians 6:10-19
- C. Question:
- D. Prayer:

III. "DON'T BE A VICTIM OF IDENTITY THEFT" (*I AM CONFIDENT IN WHO I AM IN CHRIST*)

- A. **OPTIMISM**
- B. 2 Corinthians 5:17-19
- C. Question:
- D. Prayer:

IV. "GUARDRAILS ARE GOOD" (*I KNOW WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO ME*)

- A. **CLARITY OF CONVICTION**
- B. Isaiah 32:5-6
- C. Question:
- D. Prayer:

V. "PERSEVERANCE BEATS PERFECTIONISM EVERY TIME" (*I WON'T GIVE UP WHEN THINGS GET HARD*)

- A. **PEACEFUL UNDER PRESSURE**
- B. 2 Corinthians 4:7-9
- C. Question:
- D. Prayer:

VI. "COMPARISONS KILL- RUN YOUR OWN RACE" (*I AM UNIQUELY GIFTED*)

- A. **SELF-AWARENESS**
- B. 1 Samuel 17:38-40
- C. Prayer:
- D. Scripture:

VII. "SEASONS CHANGE" (*I KNOW WHEN TO LET GO*)

- A. **ADAPTABILITY**
- B. Ecclesiastes 3:1
- C. Question:
- D. Prayer:

VIII. "DOGS DON'T BARK AT PARKED CARS" (*I CAN EXPECT STORMS*)

- A. **OBEDIENCE**
- B. Matthew 14:22
- C. Question:
- D. Prayer:

IX. "SHIPS IN THE HARBOR ARE SAFE, BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT SHIPS ARE BUILT FOR" (*I DETERMINE TO GET OUT OF MY COMFORT ZONE*)

- A. **RISK-TAKING**
- B. Hebrews 10:39
- C. Question:
- D. Prayer:

X. "MY JOB IS HEAVEN NOT HARVARD" (*I CHALLENGE THE WORLD'S DEFINITION OF SUCCESS*)

- A. **PURPOSE-DRIVEN**
- B. Luke 9:25
- C. Prayer:
- D. Scripture:

XI. "RESEVOIRS ARE NICE BUT I'D RATHER BE A RIVER" (*I CHOOSE TO LIVE WITH OPEN HANDS*)

- A. **GENEROSITY/ENCOURAGING**
- B. Matthew 10:39
- C. Question:
- D. Prayer:

Suggested Readings:

- Priscilla Schirer, *The Full Armor of God*. 2015- reprinted 2021 ISBN 9781430040279
- Dane Ortlund, *Gentle and Lowly- The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers*. 2020 ISBN 9781433566134