

TIME WELL SPENT

It would have to be verified in the records department of TTU, but I believe I may be the only student in the history of the school to attend all three divisions (Bible School, University, and Seminary) **and** earn five degrees (Thg. [Bible School 3-year diploma], B.R.E., M.Div., Th.M., and D.Min).

Out of High School and after attending the University of Detroit School of Architecture and Structural Engineering for two years, I decided to attend a Christian college for one year. In that year, I thought to myself, *if God wants me to **build people** rather than **build buildings**, He can let me know.* Otherwise, I intended to return to U of D and finish my MBA majoring in Architecture specializing in church design.

In my first semester (Fall, 1978) God spoke to my heart during a Sunday morning worship service. At the invitation, I went forward to commit my life to full-time Christian service. ***The one year I gave to God at a Christian college turned into 14 years (10 years classroom study with 4 years dissertation research and writing for Th.M and D.Min). I graduated Doctor of Ministry in the spring of 1992.***

While still working my way through seminary, Bible Way Baptist Church in Rossville, GA called me to be their pastor in October, 1987. God has blessed the ministry with prosperity and good success (as Joshua 1:8 describes). ***But I believe what God is giving to me is facilitated and enhanced through my training and experience at Temple. A debt of gratitude I owe to all my professors and teachers at TTU.***

Although I appreciate my undergrad foundation, the education I received at Temple Baptist Seminary is what has set the tone for a solid, conservative, and balanced approach in my ministry. It took a long time, but I didn't mind, because I love learning. **For the glory of God, it was time well spent.**

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