



The President's Perspective



A Milestone for the Kistlers

Without doubt, this has been an incredible week for the Kistler family. On Wednesday, Rachael was privileged to solo with the Charlotte Symphony, a reward for winning the Young Artists Competition in Charlotte several months ago. Rachael did an awesome job and received a standing ovation for her performance. About 18 friends of ours attended the concert with us.

Yesterday, Rachael did her Senior recital which was combined with her graduation ceremony. Rachael did a 45-minute concert which was followed by a moving ceremony with numerous touching sections. Two photo montage segments brought many tears as we traced Rachael's life from childhood to the present. Pastor Gary Dull of Faith Baptist Church, Altoona, PA, brought an excellent challenge to all who attended titled "A Prescription for a Life Full of Potential." Brother Dull stressed the absolute importance of the Word of God in our lives. The entire ceremony was followed by a wonderful reception.

It hardly seems possible that Rachael is now graduated. It's as if it was yesterday that she was a baby in our arms. Parents, cherish the moments that you have with your children. They are great days, but very short ones. Numerous times yesterday, I was told, "You are a blessed man, Dave, to have such a great family." Indeed, I am blessed and thankful for God's blessing in the form of a wonderful family.

God's word says that "children are an heritage of the Lord and the fruit of the womb is His reward. As arrows in the hands of a mighty man, so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them." Today, we passed another milestone in launching Rachael off the bow string. We pray that she hits the mark that God has for her and that she is greatly used of Him in some strategic place of service. If that occurs, we, as parents, will be blessed beyond measure.

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