

## Lifelong Learning



**It is sometimes easy to set short term goals (i.e., mission, marriage, college education)...**



***... but then what?***

## I'd rather be good than great!

### *Harvey Fletcher*

*Dean's Lecture  
September 6, 1979  
Age: 95*

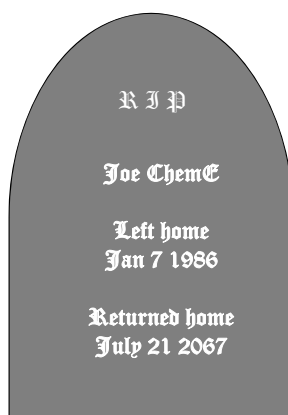


- Failed his first physics class at BYU

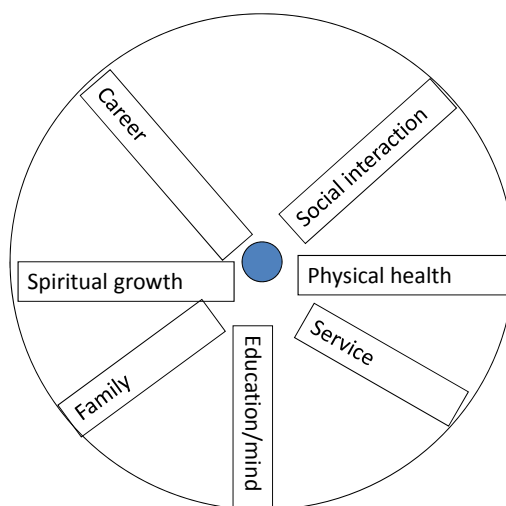
- Born in Provo, 1884
- PhD was the Milliken oil drop experiment (U. Chicago)
- Invented:
  - Stereophonic sound
  - Hearing aid
  - Audiometer
- World-renown physicist



What do you want people to say about you at your funeral?



Concept of well-rounded person



**If you fail to plan...**

***...you plan to fail!***

**Are you here for a degree...**

***...or an education?***



**You will be outdated every 5-7  
years...**

***...and change jobs 2-5 times!***

### **How Do You Keep Current in Your Profession?**

- Journals, Magazines, Books
- Technical Conferences
  - AIChE, ASME, ACS, SPE
- Technical Courses
  - Offered by technical society
  - Offered by company
  - Offered by local university
- Advanced Degree(s)
  - MS, PhD, MBA

**He who has the most toys at the  
end of the world...**

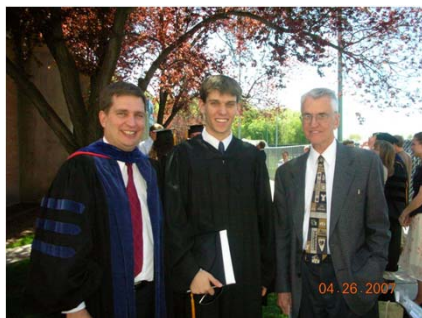
*...wins?*

**I've never seen luggage racks on a  
hearse...**



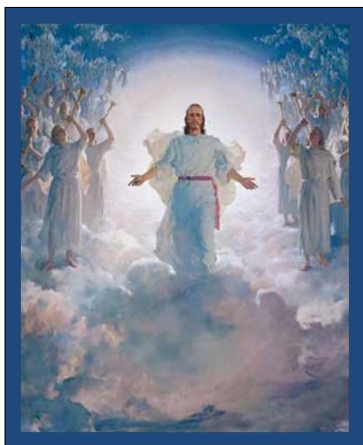
*President Thomas S.  
Monson*

## 50 things I want to do before I die...



*Harvey J. Fletcher  
(my dad)*

## I Think God Has A Sense of Humor



But behold, all things have been done in the wisdom of him who knoweth all things

(2 Nephi 2:24)

When they are learned they think they are wise, and they hearken not unto the counsel of God, for they set it aside, supposing they know of themselves, wherefore, their wisdom is foolishness and it profiteth them not.

(2 Nephi 9:28)

## So ... What Is Lifelong Learning

- 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.
  - 5.
  - 6.
- You decide...



## Assignment

Describe in writing your commitment to Lifelong Learning, including the following:

1. In what various areas will you seek to continue learning throughout your life?
2. Why are you personally committed to lifelong learning in each of the areas listed in item #1?

You will get out what you put into this assignment!