

Gabe

Upon the special occasion of your baptism I have been asked to offer you a few words of advice. As I have been thinking of doing this, the advice that comes to mind is to always work hard and do a little more than is expected of you.

In my life I feel I have been given opportunities because whatever assignment or responsibility I had, I did what was expected and then a little extra. I believe this has given me the success I received in my career, my volunteer work, and my personal life.

I learned to work because I was raised on a farm. Farm work was done by the family that lived on the farm and everyone had to work to provide for the family. I had to do many different farm chores every day from the time I was old enough to help in the simplest way.

While still in high school I worked with my father in a gas station. I later went to work as a police officer for Provo City Utah. While there I not only did my job to the best of my ability I volunteered to do extra jobs. I volunteered to be the K-9 officer and worked with police dogs for five years while your grandpa Bruce was your age. He liked having the police dogs at our home. I volunteered to work and was given an assignment of traffic specialist where I made a difference for the whole city. When I was a shift supervisor I developed a training program for my shift that was then used for the whole department. It was considered to be the best police, recruit, training in the state at the time. I was given the assignment of cover shift field supervisor and as such I initiated change in patrol tactics for the whole department. I finished my work on the police department as a detective sergeant. While in the detective division I practiced my art skills and became the forensic artist for the department and was given many other special investigative assignments. I feel I was promoted and received these special assignments because I worked hard at each assignment and did a little more than expected each time. I received many thanks, commendations and awards for my extra efforts.

When I left the police department I was offered a job on the police and fireman credit union. I feel this was offered to me because I had always done more than was expected of me in previous assignments on the police department. While I worked there I also went to college to learn and improve my bookkeeping skills and changed the company from doing the work by hand posting to doing it on a computer. I later got the job as president of the Provo City Employee Credit Union because they had seen the extra work I done at the Police and Fire Department Credit Union. We outgrew our office and I found a new office space and remodeled it myself, putting in floor safes, walls, furniture and decorating the office. Again, I had gone the extra mile.

In cub scouting I started out as a den leader for the Webelo's and was then given more assignments to help other den leaders and finally became a district trainer working in much of the central Utah area. I received a Provo Peaker Award. The highest award given to volunteers in Provo, due to all my extra volunteer help in cub scouts.

Each new assignment was given to me because I had done more than was expected of me in my previous assignment. This is my advice to you Gabe. Do the best you can and then see what extra you can do and do that also. This will create a joy in your life, as you see you have done your job well, you will have provided service to your fellowman, and a sense of a life well lived while contributing to others lives.

*Great Grandpa  
Gary Miner*