

PUTTING ON A COWBOYS T-SHIRT

A number of years ago, Dr. John Hubbard, former president of the University of Southern California, took a trip to Texas.

While he was there, he met Tom Landry, coach of the Dallas Cowboys. When he was preparing to leave, Coach Landry gave him a Dallas Cowboys T-shirt.

Sometime later, Dr. Hubbard put on the shirt and went to play a round of golf. His caddy noticed the T-shirt and said, "Sir, are you the coach of the Dallas Cowboys?"

Without thinking, Dr. Hubbard replied, "No, I'm not the coach. I guess I'm a scout."

The caddy was deeply impressed, and said, "I play football for Cerritos Junior College. Someday do you think I could play for the Cowboys?"

Dr. Hubbard sized him up and responded, "Son, I don't know if you have the size to play professional football. But keep at it, for you never know what might happen."

By the time he sank his final putt, Dr. Hubbard was feeling a little guilty about what he had told the young man, so he turned to the caddy and said, "I want you to have this T-shirt, but I'm afraid it is too big for you."

The young man smiled at him. Then he said something very wise: "Don't worry, sir. I'll wear it until it fits."

What about you today ...

- In your job? Are you growing and learning and continuing to equip yourself to meet all the responsibilities that are yours? Are you wearing it until it fits?
- In your marriage or connection with a significant other? Are you seizing every day as an opportunity to strengthen the foundation upon which your relationship is built by treating that loved one with love, dignity and respect? Are you wearing it until it fits?
- In your Christian assignment? God created you for a purpose and equipped you with certain gifts to accomplish what He desires for you. Are you polishing and developing and applying them? Are you wearing them until they fit?

Staying power is an admired quality. *Merriam-Webster* defines it as "capacity for continuing (as in existence, influence or popularity) without weakening."

The Bible addresses the value of keeping at it:

And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing (James 1:4 ESV).