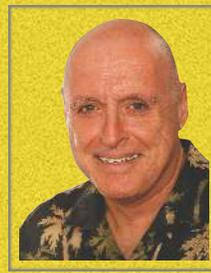


# THE EXTRA POINT

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## # 670 Words to Remember # 1

Today, we look at the words of someone who is familiar to many millions of people around the world, through the work they do. I'm Jerry Roberts and let's see what they have to teach us. That's next, on The Extra Point.

We'll give you 10 things this person said, and we'll see if you're surprised by who it is.

1. *"Without commitment you'll never start. More important, without consistency you'll never finish."* This one is so true. It's amazing how so many people win just because they stay with what they're doing and don't give up.

2. *"Don't look for things to be easy. Ease is a greater threat to progress than hardship."* I love this statement. When things are easy and there are no challenges, it makes us weaker. If we never experience bad times, how will we ever appreciate the better times?

3. *"You'll never see a U-Haul trailer behind a hearse, because whatever you get in this life, you can't take it with you. It's not about what you have, it's what you do with what you have. Everybody has different gifts. Some people have money, some love, some patience, some have the ability to touch other people with words or actions. Whatever your gift is, use it, share it. It's not about what you drive, what you wear, or where you live. It's about using your gift."* You know, so many people have a heck of a time identifying their gift(s). What is it you've got that will give others value? What can you give to them that will make them even just a little bit better? Think about that.

4. *"I pray that you put your shoes way under the bed at night, so you have to get on your knees in the morning when you get up."*

5. *"Don't look to get to where you want to go by partying with the right people and cutting deals. Instead, be the best at what you do and outwork everybody else."* It's a great reminder

for all of us and a message our youth and younger workers need to hear. Life isn't all about making connections and taking shortcuts.

6. *"Don't get life mixed up with making a living. Know what's truly important — God, family, friends, coworkers."* Yes, whatever we think is more important and consumes our attention... we're wrong.

7. *"You can't live your life based upon what other people think about you. It's just not healthy."* Somebody once said, "What you think of me is none of my business." I've tried to never forget that. We need to live our lives based on values and principles, not what others think.

8. *"Anything you want that's good, you can have. So claim it, work hard to get it. When you get it, reach back and pull someone else up. Each one, teach one."* This comment was made to a group of graduating college seniors, and it hit home that we all have a responsibility to lift up others when we can.

9. *"Don't just aspire to make a living. Aspire to make a difference."* Now, that may mean different things to different people. Whatever it means to you, be a difference that way.

10. *"Everything we have, we have through the grace of God."* Nothing to add but Amen.

Ten thoughts we can take and use straight away, or modify and make them our own. Who said these things? Actor Denzel Washington.

That's The Extra Point. Be responsible and make something good happen today. For 93.3 and the Ray Gibson Show, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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