

Ashley's (unedited) ministry day with her dad!

hi! my name is ashley maurer and I am the youngest of the maurer kids. this past christmas break, I had the opportunity to shadow my dad for a day and see what his ministry is all about. Being a senior in high school and currently in the process of applying to colleges, I was excited to see what a career in ministry truly entails. We started our day at the early hour of 4am. I barely remember waking up as I sat in my bed listening to my dad casually recite the entire first chapter of Acts. Then, as I was still half asleep I joined him in praying for many people I had no idea existed and seemingly the entire world. I then passed out till 7am while my dad continued memorizing the book of Acts and preparing his daily devotion. Next we headed to breakfast to meet up with Jerome and Rael (workers at Buffalo Grill) to do some ministry. We used the blue letter bible to research scripture and talked about our own personal walks with the Lord. For the first time in my life my dad did not see someone there he knew and from there we headed home to prepare for tennis. Our first match of the day was with one of my best friends dad's, Cliff West. I watched them play and soon became their ball girl. While they had their discipleship time (where my dad learns about each guy's life and prayer requests), I was able to run some errands for my dad. Next we stopped by the Hotze's to drop off a check. Soon after we reconvened with my mom for a lunch at Island Grill and more ministry opportunities. Not surprisingly at all we ran into Mrs. Allen, one of our neighbors and family friends, and Mrs. Briggs. Then, I headed to Kroger to pick up some balloons for our neighbor in the hospital, but unfortunately they had few options. So of course, we had to go to Party City. But first, another match of tennis. By now the energy I had from my coffee in the morning was wearing off and I had never been so hungry in my life than this day. I now understand why my dad eats 4-5 meals per day. After beating my dad 6-4 in tennis, no big deal, we headed over to Party City. Here we got balloons to celebrate the return of our neighbor from the hospital after having his appendix rupture. We got 6 extra large balloons and I carried them outside the sunroof the tedious ride back. It was well worth it because our neighbor was overjoyed with surprise when he got home! Later that night my dad went to a Bible study for medical students at the home of a person who he does discipleship with! The guys enjoyed a delicious rib dinner and talked about The Doctrine of Baptism. Afterward he met up with another man he disciples. How he fits all these people into his schedule amazes me! In all seriousness, I have never seen someone work as hard as my dad does. Each day he devotes 3 hours of his personal morning to the Lord and the extra 11 to pouring into others lives. It was so inspiring to see ministry happen in such ordinary places like Buffalo Grill, Party City, Island Smoothie, and most importantly the tennis court. I was so encouraged seeing my dad's daily life because it really showed me the servant heart he has for the Lord. He dedicates each day to God and everyone else. He also makes sure to spend each night at home with our family and uses all of his energy to encourage and lead our family well! As well as the sacrifices he makes each day, he also puts his people and financial skills to good use. Perfectly combining a day of people and administration, he effortlessly displays what the life of a true disciple of Christ looks like. This experience has truly put a perspective in my life of who I am living for and who I should be living for. I promise yall my dad did not pay me or bribe me to hype him up this much but he really is the real deal and I am so so lucky to have a dad like him!

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