

REFLECTIONS ON THE 2009 CLF LAW STUDENT CONFERENCE

From the perspective of a Pre-Law Student

Why go into the legal profession?

My answer to this question has always been based on my personal experiences. Being part of an immigrant family, I wanted to go into law and help people with the immigration process, but this Conference changed my view completely. It set me in a different direction. I thank God for an organization like the Christian Legal Fellowship, which He used to open my eyes to the truth; the truth that should be realized when going into the legal profession. Law is not just a profession; it is a ministry that we as Christians do not pay enough attention to. For me, as a pre-law student, the Conference changed my future goals dramatically. It gave me assurance, and God's plan for me became clear.

During the Conference, awesome chapels were held. Through a variety of speakers, many wise thoughts and ideas were shared on different topics. One of the most important lessons I learned over the weekend was that truth should never be bent. It is irrelevant what the situation is or who you are dealing with; we should always measure justice against God's standard rather than man's standard. I was also encouraged to embrace the calling God has placed upon me to defend God's Truth, whether it is in the educational facility or at the work place. There will be a cost, but I should always be obedient and live according to God's Truth. In the end, God will provide for me just like He did for Moses who was a faithful man who lived and stood up for God's Truth.

Lawyers are known for being good with words. Being good with words is one thing when they are speaking in a court of law, but it is so different when you see them speaking and living consistent with their convictions. It gives you encouragement, and seeing their true passion for their work gives you hope. As a pre-law student, it gives me great encouragement to know it is possible to go through law school keeping my faith and still ending up successful; however, I know this can only happen with God's help.

These lawyers are an encouragement. They are humble individuals. Even though these people are highly qualified and successful, they still take the time to sit and talk with students like me to see how they are doing spiritually.

Throughout the Conference different sessions were presented, and even though the majority of them were specifically designed for law students, it was amazing to participate. The Conference taught me to never give up, whether I go into law or another field. I need to remember that I have the mind of Christ and that I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Whether I end up in the law faculty or somewhere else, I should pursue that career, not so my parents or I may experience that feeling of accomplishment, but so Christ is served because that is all that will matter in the end. No matter the circumstances, I will declare that I am a child of God, and I will work for His Kingdom.

Therefore, let me encourage you, brothers and sisters in Christ all around this nation, to stand up for, declare, and defend your faith. We are missionaries of Christ, and He is our

strength. He will never send any struggles our way that are beyond our abilities to handle. Wherever you are on your journey, whether you are just thinking of going into law or you are a lawyer already, I encourage you to grow deeper in your faith and continue working for Christ. Because in the end, the most important account we will be giving is to Him. I wish to send a huge thank you to all the members of CLF, who made the 2009 Law Student Conference a huge success. I can truly say that it has changed my life and I believe the lives of many others as well. You are true Christians; you are true mentors; and I will always look up to you.

Thank you and God Bless,
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