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Why Isn't Taylor As Spiritual As It Once Was?

by Chancellor
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Occasionally an alumnus has confronted me with, "Why isn't Taylor as spiritual as it was when I was there?" On such an occasion I am always tempted to respond, "I suppose it's because you aren't there anymore." But, in my most honest opinion, Taylor is as spiritual as it was when he/she was here. In all of the change, the growth, the additions, God has enabled us to keep the program in balance. Quality has not suffered because of quantity, and spirituality has not suffered because of academic excellence. Why?

First, because we have developed a broader prayer base, a covenant between us and the families of our students. They pray for us because a precious part of them is now a part of us, and we pray for them because our interests and concerns are now one and the same. This unites us in seeking God's blessing upon our common interests in a very personal way.

Second, efforts by our Spiritual Life Committee are increasingly extensive and effective with respect to the meaning of chapel services, Sunday morning and evening services, Spiritual Emphasis weeks, and other spiritual life activities. When we reached an enrollment of over a thousand, we created a full-time position in spiritual life leadership, secured a campus pastor, and

related him to the administrative council at the vice-presidential level.

Third, the missionary emphasis is maintained in the Taylor program. Under the leadership of Taylor World Outreach, one weekend each month is an outreach emphasis in Sunday services and in opportunities for students to counsel with missions personnel. During the summers, some one hundred to one hundred and fifty students are "out in the field," in the U.S.A. and overseas, in practical experience as missionaries, camp counselors, youth leaders, teachers, and witnesses of various kinds.

Fourth, I believe the commitment of our faculty to Jesus Christ is as deep and genuine as ever. Also, their efforts to integrate their faith and their teaching have been enhanced by cooperative programs in the framework of the Christian College Consortium designed to relate their various disciplines to Christian faith and life.

All in all, there is the disposition to care for each other, to support each other in prayer and fellowship. Above all, God is still working the miracles that have characterized the new Taylor throughout the past decade. With your prayer support, Taylor will continue to be "as spiritual as it was when you were here."